

Income & Jobs in Connecticut

Many Working Households Struggle to Get By

Changes in the economy and in household formation leave many in Connecticut struggling to afford housing. Many jobs pay less than the state's median household income of **\$70,048** annually and have an hourly wage that is less than the housing wage (what one needs to afford a typical 2-BR apartment) of **\$24.29**.

- The median annual income of the state's 730 occupations is **\$43,812**, 63% of the state median household income.
- The median annual income of **72%** of occupations is less than 100% of the state median households income.
- The median annual income of **22%** of occupations is less than 50% of the state median households income.
- The average hourly wage of **47%** of occupations is less than the state housing wage.

Here are some examples of occupations where median annual income is...

0%
to
30%
of Median
Household
Income

WAITERS & WAITRESSES



Median Annual Income:
\$19,558
Average Hourly Wage:
\$10.92

FOOD PREPARATION & SERVING WORKERS, INCLUDING FAST FOOD



Median Annual Income:
\$19,998
Average Hourly Wage:
\$10.92

CASHIERS



Median Annual Income:
\$21,260
Average Hourly Wage:
\$11.29

30%
to
50%
of Median
Household
Income

HAIRDRESSERS, HAIRSTYLISTS, & COSMETOLOGISTS



Median Annual Income:
\$24,289
Average Hourly Wage:
\$14.24

LANDSCAPING & GROUNDSKEEPING WORKERS



Median Annual Income:
\$30,870
Average Hourly Wage:
\$15.87

PRESCHOOL TEACHERS, EXCEPT SPECIAL EDUCATION



Median Annual Income:
\$30,926
Average Hourly Wage:
\$17.60

50%
to
80%
of Median
Household
Income

DENTAL ASSISTANTS



Median Annual Income:
\$41,508
Average Hourly Wage:
\$20.04

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS & PARAMEDICS



Median Annual Income:
\$41,228
Average Hourly Wage:
\$20.66

AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNICIANS & MECHANICS



Median Annual Income:
\$41,264
Average Hourly Wage:
\$21.00

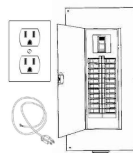
80%
to
100%
of Median
Household
Income

LICENSED PRACTICAL & VOCATIONAL NURSES



Median Annual Income:
\$56,113
Average Hourly Wage:
\$26.90

ELECTRICIANS



Median Annual Income:
\$56,790
Average Hourly Wage:
\$27.56

FIRE FIGHTERS



Median Annual Income:
\$61,658
Average Hourly Wage:
\$28.64

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Sources: State Median Household Income - U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 1-Year American Community Survey; Housing wage data - National Low Income Housing Coalition, Out of Reach 2015; Occupations data - CT Dept. of Labor, Labor Market Information, Statewide Wages, 1Q 2015

More occupations where the median annual income is less than the state median household income:

| Occupation | Median Annual Income | % of State Median Household Income | Average Hourly Wage | % of State's Housing Wage |
|---|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop | \$19,568 | 28% | \$9.88 | 39% |
| Bartenders | \$19,620 | 28% | \$11.28 | 39% |
| Manicurists and Pedicurists | \$19,660 | 28% | \$10.67 | 39% |
| Transportation Attendants, Except Flight Attendants | \$20,374 | 29% | \$10.50 | 40% |
| Nonfarm Animal Caretakers | \$21,919 | 31% | \$11.68 | 43% |
| Food Preparation Workers | \$22,184 | 32% | \$11.82 | 44% |
| Retail Salespersons | \$23,786 | 34% | \$13.72 | 47% |
| Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers | \$24,163 | 34% | \$12.51 | 48% |
| Personal and Home Care Aides | \$25,260 | 36% | \$12.62 | 50% |
| Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners | \$27,386 | 39% | \$14.77 | 54% |
| Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders | \$28,438 | 41% | \$14.73 | 56% |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand | \$28,559 | 41% | \$14.95 | 57% |
| Team Assemblers | \$29,629 | 42% | \$15.67 | 59% |
| Tellers | \$29,683 | 42% | \$14.81 | 59% |
| Production Workers, All Other | \$30,657 | 44% | \$16.86 | 61% |
| Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers | \$30,870 | 44% | \$15.87 | 61% |
| Receptionists and Information Clerks | \$32,190 | 46% | \$15.85 | 64% |
| Healthcare Support Occupations | \$32,433 | 46% | \$16.63 | 64% |
| Office Clerks, General | \$34,625 | 49% | \$17.27 | 69% |
| Medical Assistants | \$34,743 | 50% | \$17.37 | 69% |
| Library Technicians | \$36,807 | 53% | \$19.16 | 73% |
| Veterinary Technologists and Technicians | \$36,827 | 53% | \$18.82 | 73% |
| Social and Human Service Assistants | \$37,466 | 53% | \$18.93 | 74% |
| Customer Service Representatives | \$37,913 | 54% | \$19.27 | 75% |
| Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity | \$38,695 | 55% | \$19.83 | 77% |
| Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive | \$39,557 | 56% | \$19.63 | 78% |
| Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics | \$41,264 | 59% | \$21.00 | 82% |
| Dental Assistants | \$41,508 | 59% | \$20.04 | 82% |
| Construction Laborers | \$42,744 | 61% | \$21.28 | 85% |
| Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic | \$42,749 | 61% | \$21.30 | 85% |
| Maintenance and Repair Workers, General | \$43,231 | 62% | \$21.50 | 86% |
| First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers | \$44,847 | 64% | \$23.31 | 89% |
| Machinists | \$45,487 | 65% | \$21.90 | 90% |
| Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer | \$46,066 | 66% | \$22.68 | 91% |
| Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors | \$46,586 | 67% | \$23.68 | 92% |
| Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians | \$48,204 | 69% | \$24.24 | 95% |
| Carpenters | \$50,051 | 71% | \$24.65 | 99% |
| Paralegals and Legal Assistants | \$52,199 | 75% | \$25.62 | 103% |
| Construction and Extraction Occupations | \$52,361 | 75% | \$25.85 | 104% |

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