

Our annual survey of AUGI members brought a record number of responses. In this article, we show the average salary for each job title and the top ten fields, broken down by geographic region.

In October 2006, we asked all AUGI Members to take just a couple minutes of their time to contribute information to our fifth annual CAD Salary Survey. I'd like to extend a big "Thank You" to all those who took part. This year we reached the highest level of participation ever!

While response has increased 30% from 2005, I'd like to point out that that's barely over 8 percent of the total membership. So, please, keep an eye out for the survey next October and take part. The more information we take in, the more information we can give back to you, a point I hope I've managed to drive home the past two years.

You might notice that the *AUGIWorld* report on the 2006 Salary Survey looks a little different from previous years. We've stirred things up a bit; adding a dash of experience, a pinch of education factors, a heaping spoonful of industry, and a few bars of graph! (Rest assured, my data is better than my jokes.)

I do hope you took the opportunity to browse the more detailed results posted to the AUGI.com website after the 2005

survey. While I will tell you here a little bit about the exciting changes in this article and how you are comparing with last year, I will also inform you about the information available for download from AUGI.com.

Earnings have increased an average of nearly 5 percent and over 85 percent of respondents rate their job as "Secure" or "Very Secure." International participation has jumped 7 percent this year, so check out the countries whose members have provided enough responses to secure a spot here in the pages of *AUGIWorld*! Women now make up nearly 16 percent of design professionals. While they report earning 11.2 percent less than men with similar experience and education, that is an improvement over the 12.6 percent difference reported last year. As the trend continues, with women earning more college degrees than men, we can expect this variance to shrink steadily in the future.

Would you like to know which fields and job functions pay the most? Which industries have been giving the largest salary increases? Which disciplines have a significant

number approaching retirement age? Which jobs you can find more women occupying? Which fields offer the best benefits and return the highest levels of job satisfaction?

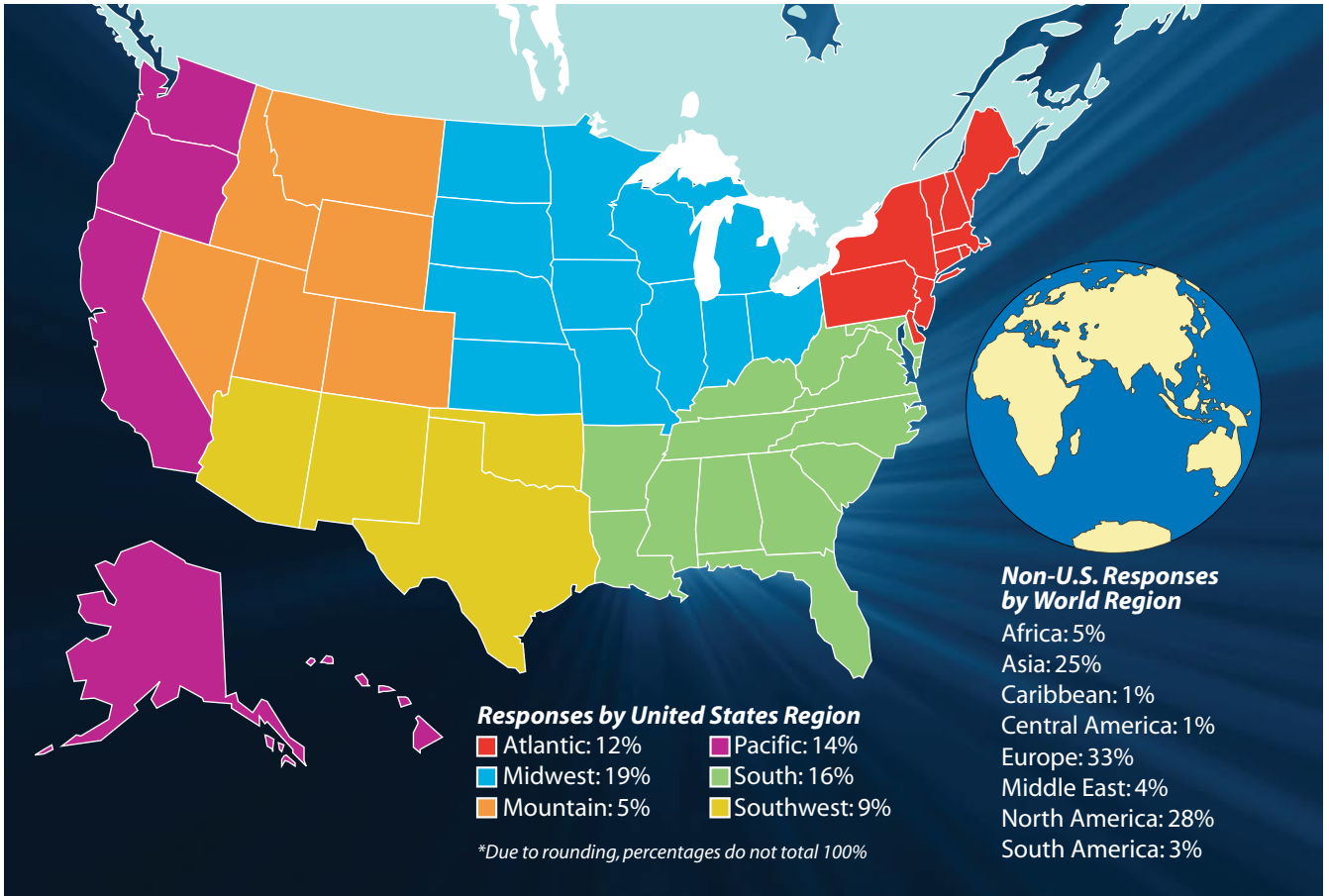
Well, if you do, then you'd better head over to the AUGI website, where I'll be putting the remainder of this year's data.

I'd like to thank you again for contributing to this valuable resource. Your peers appreciate having facts on what other CAD technicians are actually earning today. Everyone should have the comfort of knowing that they are being fairly compensated by their employer.

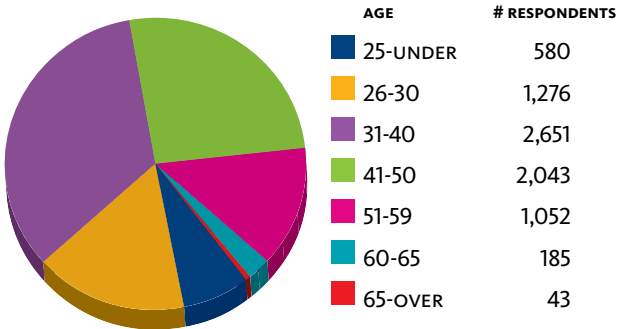
Check out the FAQ document posted with the online survey results, and if you have some additional suggestions for improvement, please feel free to contact me at salariesurvey@augi.com. Every year we evaluate the survey and tweak some options based on member input.



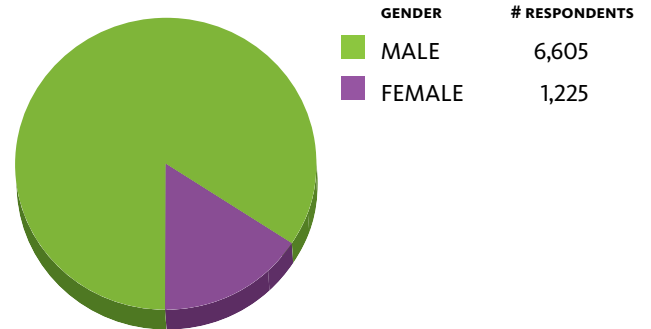
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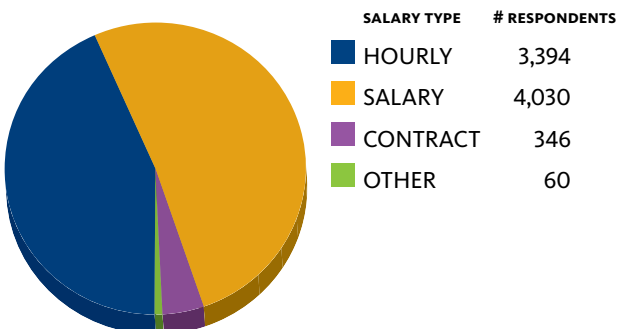
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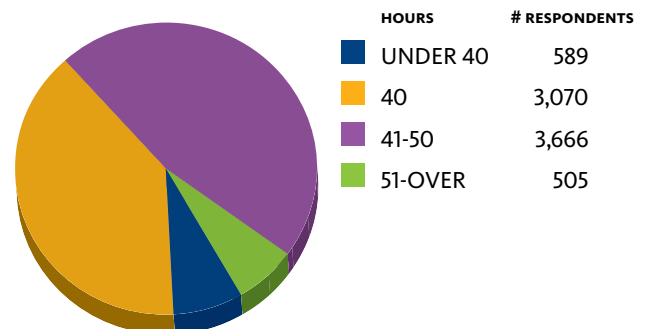
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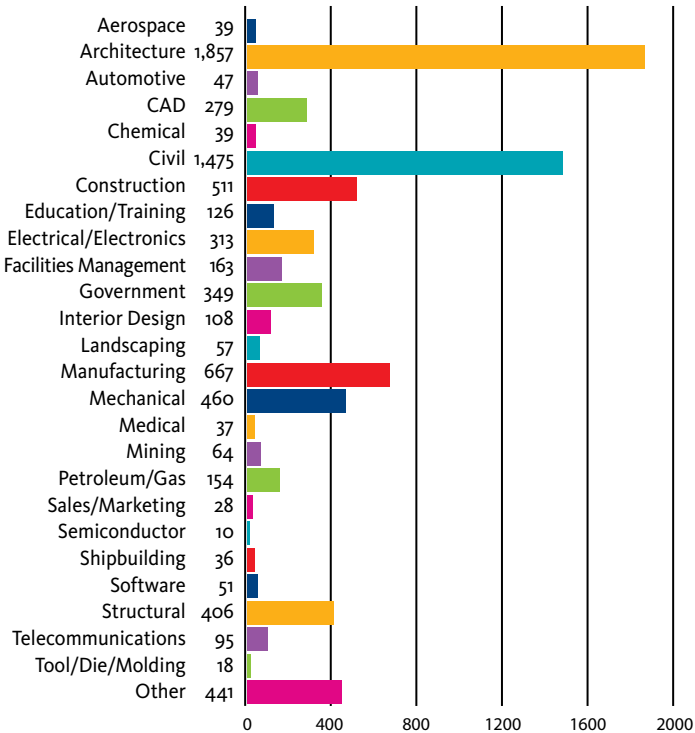
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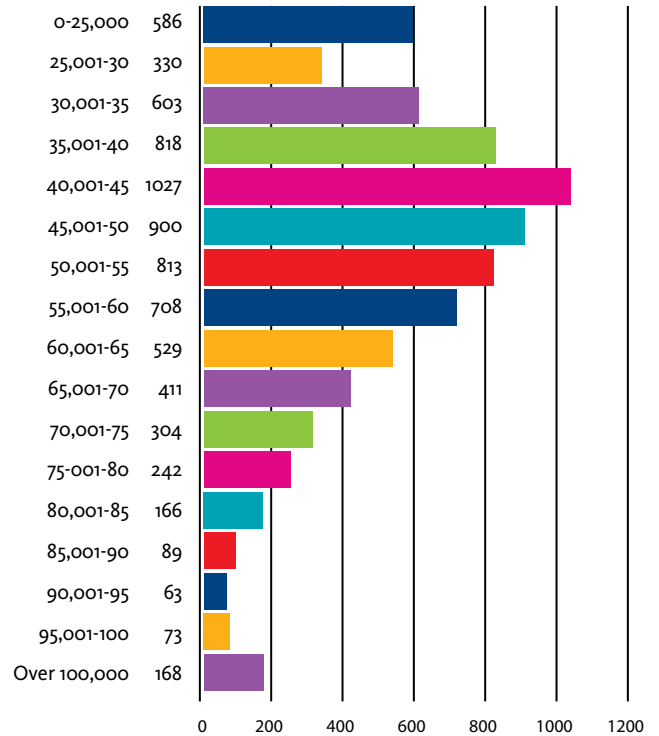
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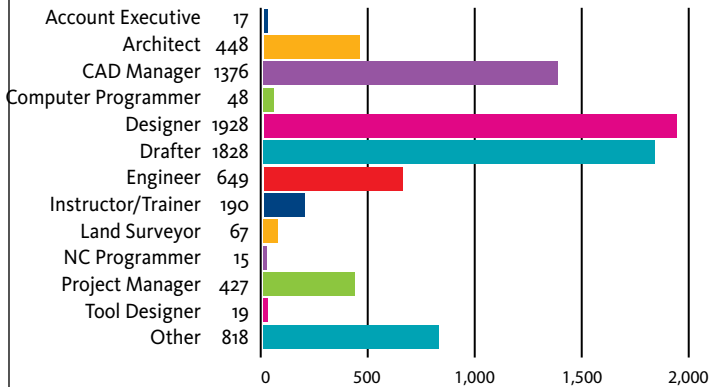
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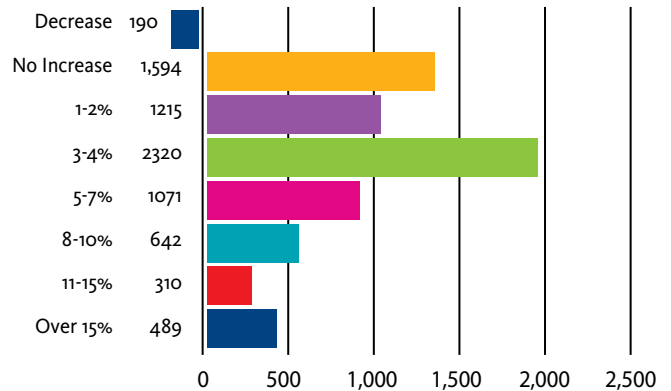
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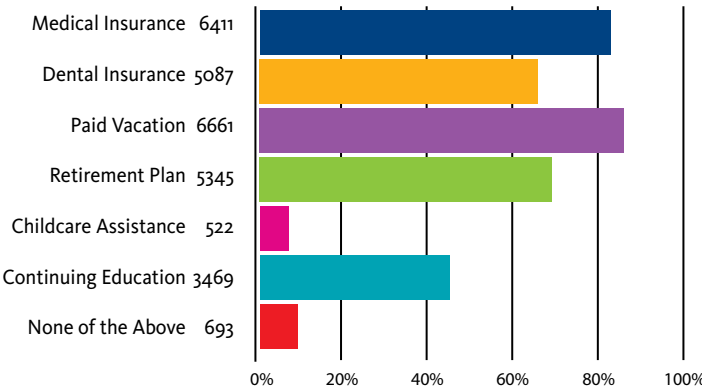
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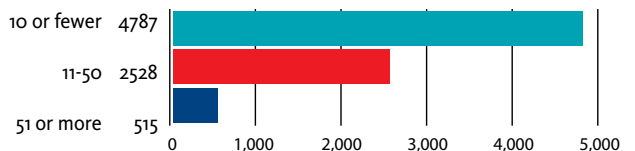
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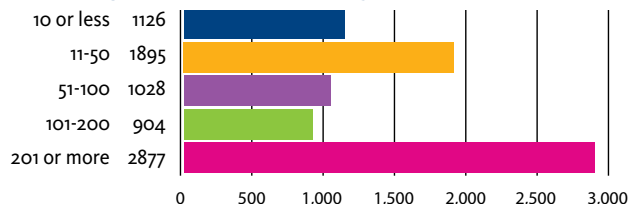
Employee Benefits



How Big Is Your Department



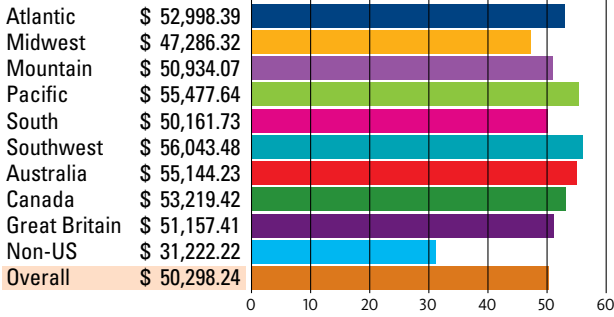
How Big Is Your Company



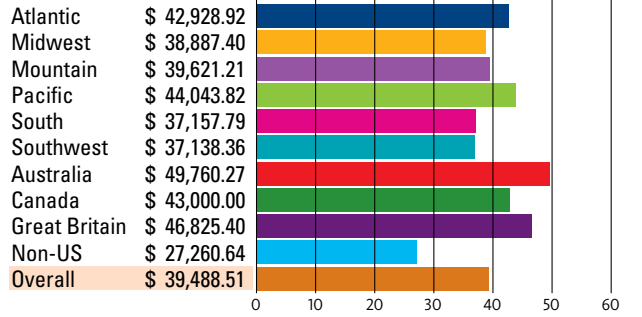
AVERAGE SALARY BY JOB TITLE/REGION

Survey respondents were asked to provide their salary data in U.S. dollars. They were given access to an online currency translator to assist them in this effort.

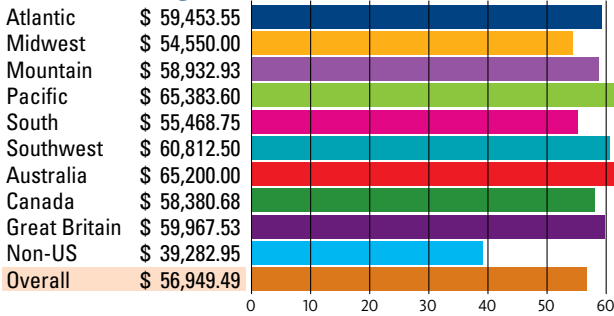
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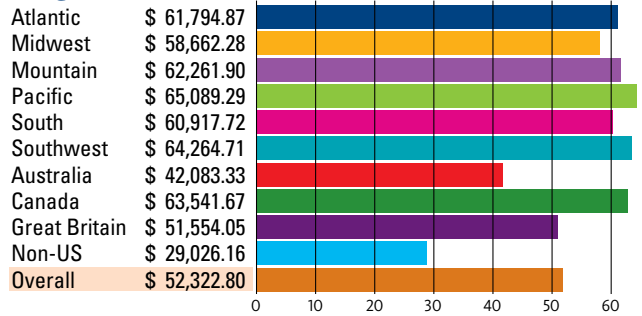
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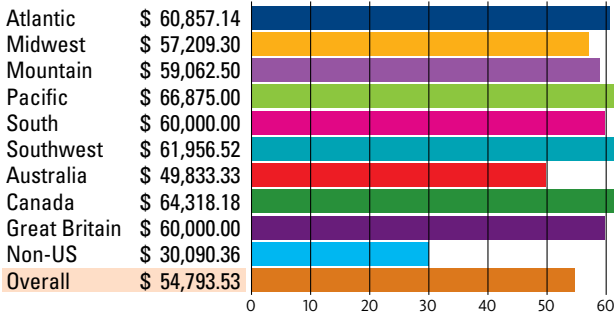
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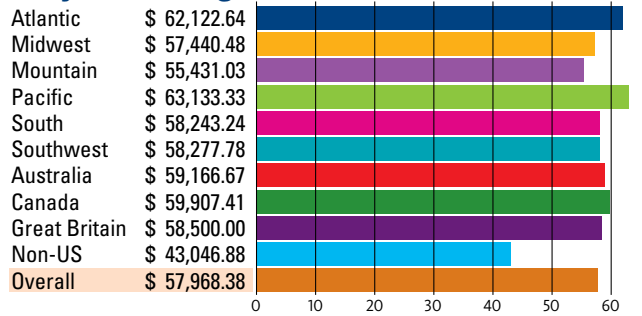
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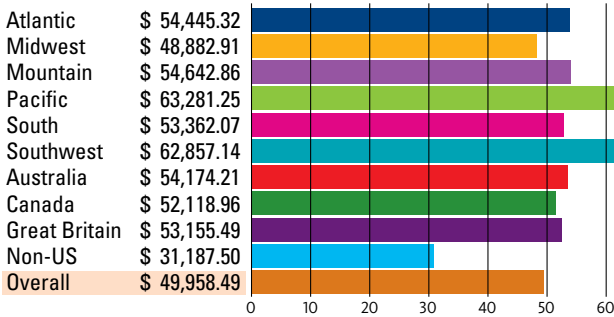
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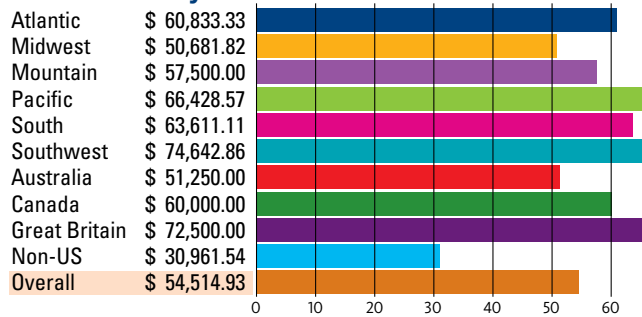
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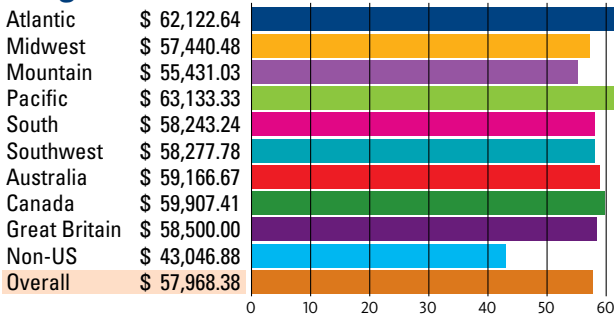
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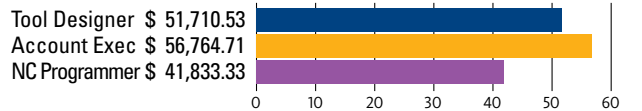
Land Surveyor



Programmer



Miscellaneous Job Titles



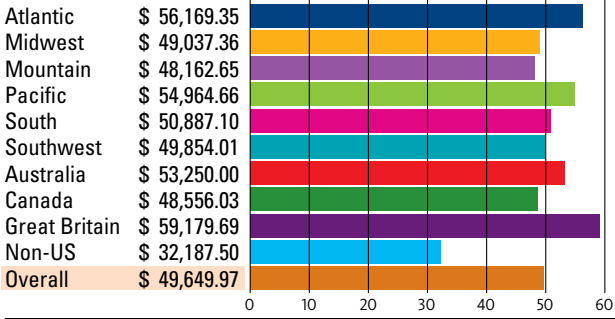
Not Enough Response for Regional Breakdowns

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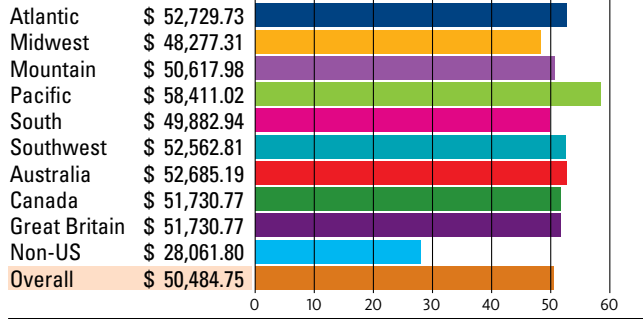
AVERAGE SALARY BY INDUSTRY/REGION

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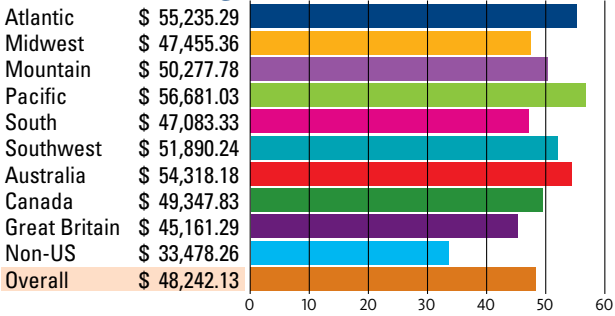
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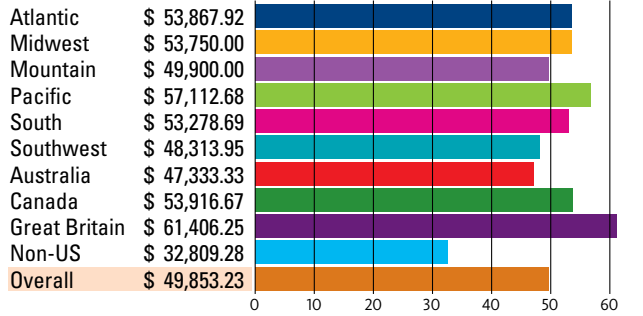
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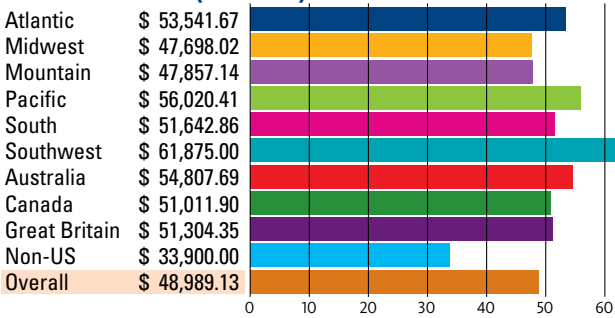
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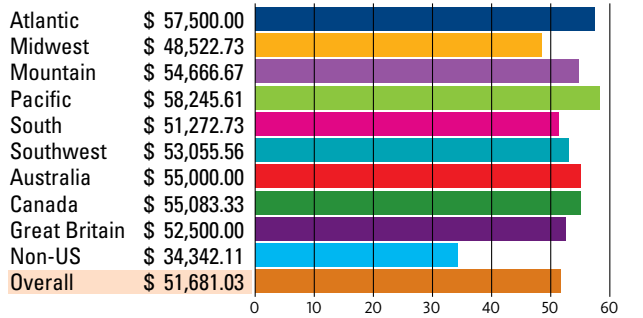
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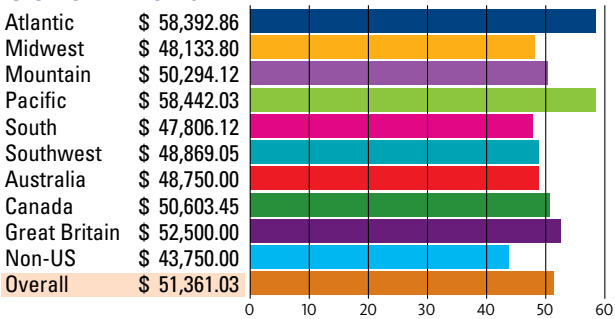
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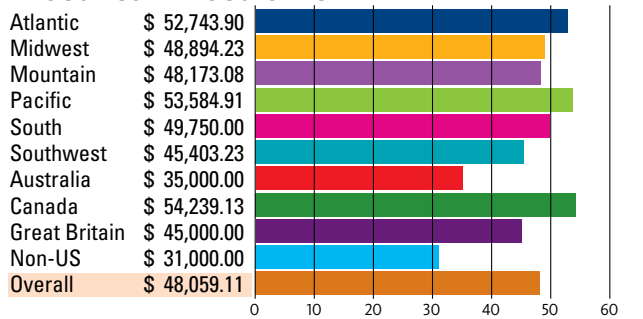
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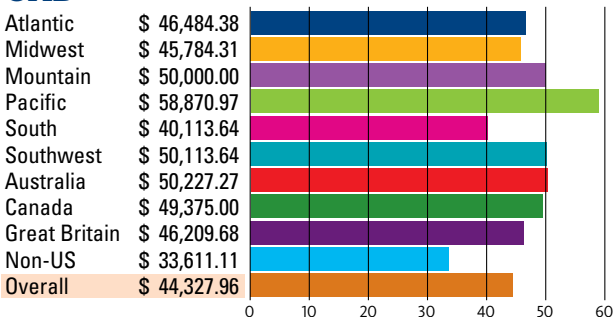
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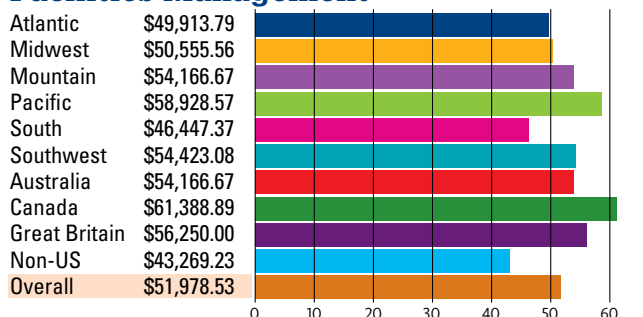
Electrical/Electronic



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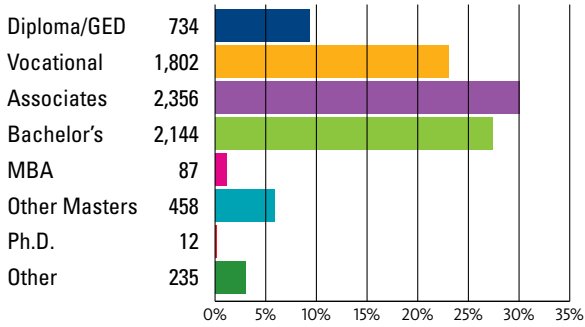


Facilities Management

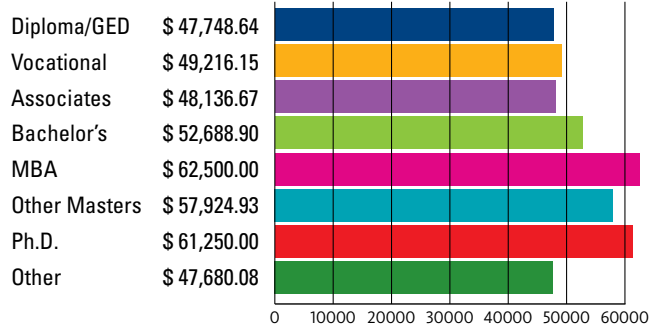


AVERAGE SALARY BY MAJOR FACTORS

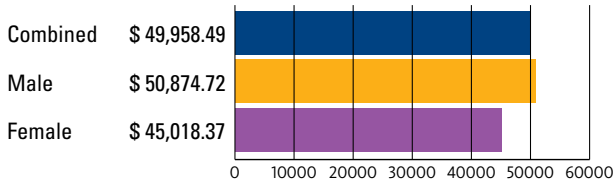
Education Level/Degree Attained



Average Pay By Education Level

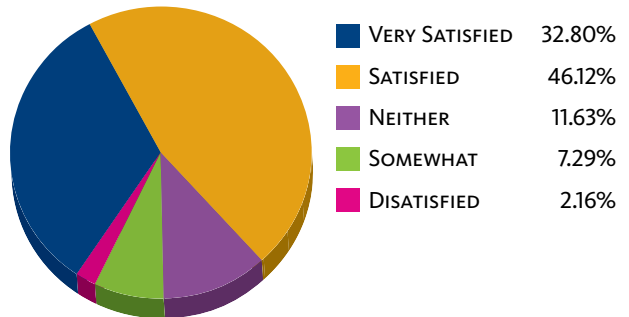


Average Pay Per Gender

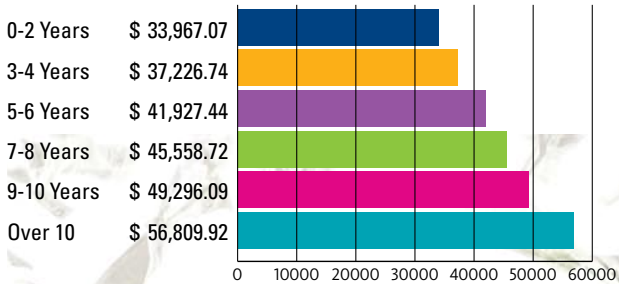


This is an 11.5% difference, a slight improvement over the 12.6% difference in 2005.

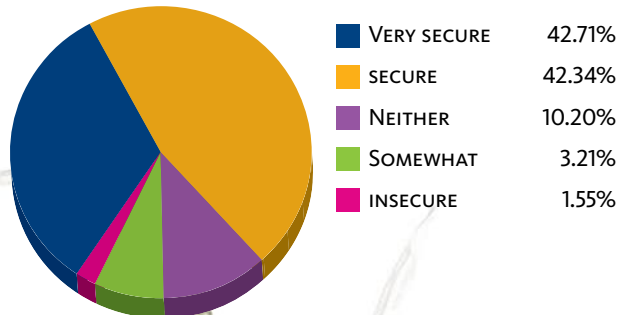
Feelings of Job Satisfaction



Average Pay By Years of Experience



Feelings of Job Security



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