

# SECURITY CLEARANCE PAY

Workers who hold active security clearances in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area out-earned their cleared counterparts throughout the U.S., according to the most recent salary survey by the Web site [ClearanceJobs.com](http://ClearanceJobs.com).

**Workers in Washington, D.C., and Virginia earned averages of \$82,874 a year and \$80,135 a year, respectively.** ClearanceJobs.com surveyed more than 5,000 security-cleared individuals regis-

**AVERAGE PAY FOR SECURITY-CLEARED WORKERS IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY:**

## \$83,212

tered on its site between Feb. 21, 2008, and April 26,

2009. States rounding out the top 10 are Colorado at an average of \$74,000 a year, California at \$73,636, Maryland at \$73,471, Arizona at \$68,000, Florida at \$65,962, Texas at \$64,207, Georgia at \$61,022 and North Carolina at \$58,506 — all up over the previous year. Security clearance salaries rose 7 percent in Afghanistan to \$106,321 a year, nearly reaching those in Iraq at \$106,839. Private-industry workers out-earned civil servants with clearances, \$83,212 to \$62,615.

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