

IPLSA RECENTLY CONDUCTED A SALARY SURVEY. WE POLLED SURVEYORS FROM ILLINOIS AND SURROUNDING STATES - MEMBERS AND NONMEMBERS - TO FIND OUT ABOUT COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, CAREER SATISFACTION AND MORE.



200k
HIGHEST SALARY

IPLSA's

SALARY SURVEY

2017

90k
MEDIAN SALARY

3k
LOWEST SALARY



Average Salary <i>by Industry</i>		
Primary Industry	Average Salary	% of Total Respondents
Civil/Environmental Engineering	\$85,295	28.5%
Contractor/Construction	\$104,063	6.5%
Development/Real Estate	\$94,865	10.6%
Gas/Oil/Wind Energy	\$105,125	3.3%
Government - Federal	\$68,375	0.8%
Government - Local	\$77,717	2.4%
Government - State	\$83,050	4.5%
Other	\$101,778	3.7%
Private Practice/Consulting	\$88,745	27.2%
Transportation	\$99,196	12.6%

Average Salary <i>by Specialty</i>		
Surveying Specialty	Average Salary	% of Total Respondents
ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys	\$95,016	23.2%
Boundary Surveys / Mortgage Inspection / Plats of Survey	\$82,672	30.1%
Building / Foundation Lay-Out and Staking	\$97,750	1.6%
Communication Tower	\$65,000	0.4%
Condominium Conversion	\$100,000	0.4%
Construction Staking	\$101,753	8.5%
Establish Vertical and Horizontal Controls	\$81,333	1.2%
Geodetic Survey	\$100,500	0.8%
GIS and LIS Surveying and Mapping	\$82,500	0.8%
Lay-Out of Proposed Improvements	\$78,500	0.8%
Mining and other Subsurface Surveys	\$133,500	0.8%
Plats of Easement / Plats of Vacation	\$109,892	2.4%
Plats of Subdivision	\$111,667	1.2%
Plot Plan Survey	\$58,000	0.8%
Preparation of Legal Descriptions	\$96,333	1.2%
Preparation of Permit Applications	\$34,000	0.4%
Quantity Surveys	\$106,080	0.4%
Route Survey	\$97,327	10.6%
Title & Deed Research	\$98,000	0.4%
Topographic Surveys	\$83,645	11.0%
Utility Surveying	\$101,429	2.8%

Average Salary <i>by County</i>		
County	Average Salary	% of Total Respondents
Adams	\$71,200	2.0%
Champaign	\$80,686	2.8%
Clay	\$44,500	0.8%
Coles	\$111,960	0.8%
Cook	\$94,085	15.0%
Crawford	\$41,500	0.4%
DeKalb	\$125,000	0.4%
DuPage	\$101,745	10.6%
Edgar	\$78,333	1.2%
Effingham	\$85,138	1.6%
Franklin	\$101,250	0.8%
Greene	\$80,000	0.4%
Grundy	\$67,500	0.8%
Henry	\$60,000	0.4%
Jackson	\$50,000	0.4%
Jefferson	\$47,500	0.4%
Jersey	\$64,500	0.8%
Johnson	\$126,000	0.4%
Kane	\$141,188	3.3%
Kankakee	\$72,000	0.4%
Kendall	\$75,000	1.2%
Knox	\$90,000	0.4%
Lake	\$100,801	4.9%
LaSalle	\$91,800	2.0%
Lee	\$73,749	1.6%
Livingston	\$105,000	0.8%
Macon	\$52,460	1.2%
Madison	\$100,500	4.1%
Marion	\$67,500	0.8%
McDonough	\$74,000	0.4%
McHenry	\$95,000	0.4%
McLean	\$97,050	1.6%
Morgan	\$56,000	0.4%
Peoria	\$80,292	2.4%
Richland	\$65,000	0.4%
Rock Island	\$62,940	2.0%
Saline	\$71,000	0.4%
Sangamon	\$91,349	5.7%
St. Clair	\$89,667	2.4%
Stephenson	\$83,333	1.2%
Tazewell	\$85,000	0.4%
Union	\$3,000	0.4%
Wabash	\$68,333	1.2%
Washington	\$91,000	0.8%
White	\$30,000	0.4%
Whiteside	\$55,000	0.4%
Will	\$93,953	4.5%
Williamson	\$45,500	0.8%
Winnebago	\$86,500	1.6%
Outside of IL	\$104,963	11.0%