2018 SNPA Survey of Newspaper Salaries



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The 2018 SNPA Survey of Newspaper Salaries includes a separate compilation of salary data for each of six circulation groups. The distribution of participating newspapers by circulation group and the average and median circulation of participants follows:

	No. of Survey Participants	Average <u>Circulation</u>	Median <u>Circulation</u>
Under 6,000 Circulation	14	3,797	3,799
6,001-10,000 Circulation	14	7,906	7,900
10,001-15,000 Circulation	16	12,623	12,251
15,001-25,000 Circulation	8	18,485	18,155
25,001-40,000 Circulation	7	28,593	28,576
40,001-60,000 Circulation	7	48,277	49,600
60,001-100,000 Circulation	4	79,984	81,008
TOTAL	70		

The figures in this survey are based entirely on information supplied by participants. **The figures in parentheses in each column indicate the number of responses to individual questions.** Overtime is not included in wages unless overtime is guaranteed.

Non-Supervisory Employees: In using the actual pay data in the section pertaining to non-supervisory employees, please keep the following in mind:

Newspapers that employ more than one person for a given position were asked to list the lowest, highest and average salaries currently being paid. Those papers that employ only one person for a given position were asked to list that person's salary in one place ONLY – the column labeled "average annual salary."

SNPA then averaged the lowest, high and average salaries reported by participants. So, the "average lowest annual wage" is the average of the "lowest" salaries reported by each participant. The "average highest annual wage" is an average of the "highest" salaries reported by each participant, and so forth. The number in parentheses shows the number of respondents to each particular question.

Because a number of papers only had one person employed in many of these positions, the number of responses in the column pertaining to average salaries generally is larger than the number of responses in each of the other two columns. Therefore, some "average" salaries may be larger than "high" salaries – or lower than "lowest" salaries. In these cases, the "best" figures to use are the figures in the "average annual wage" column – simply because they represent a greater number of survey respondents.

Some Data was Excluded From Survey: In a few cases, data supplied by newspaper participants was excluded from this survey.

Survey Comparisons: Some participants in the 2018 survey took part for the first time, and some 2017 participants did not take part in 2018. The circulations of some newspapers that participated both years changed enough from 2017 to move them into different circulation brackets. Also, every newspaper did not supply information for every position listed in the survey. Exact comparison between the 2017 and 2018 surveys may not be made.

Participating Newspapers: SNPA does not identify participating newspapers in this survey.

Searching for Given Positions: A Table of Contents is included with this report. In addition, the electronic version of this report allows easy searches. To locate a particular position in the report, click on the SEARCH button in your toolbar.

Additional Copies: An electronic copy of this report will be distributed in about two weeks to the publisher of every newspaper that shared data for this study. Electronic copies also will be distributed to the corporate offices of participating newspapers upon request.

Publishers are free to forward copies of this electronic study to department heads at their own newspapers. However, copies may not be shared with anyone outside of the given paper. This is a copyrighted publication.

Hard copies of this study are available to newspapers that shared data for this study for \$75 per copy. In addition, publishers of newspapers that did not share data with SNPA for this study may purchase the survey for \$150 (member price). The non-member price is \$300.

Questions: Any questions concerning this study should be addressed to Cindy Durham at SNPA: cindy@snpa.org or (404) 256-0444.

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Special Sections Coordinator
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CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT
Top Circulation Executive
Zone Manager
Home Delivery Manager
Circulation Customer Service Manager
Single Copy Sales Manager 40 Supervises delivery of single-copy newspapers.
District Sales Manager
Circulation Sales Manager
Alternate Distribution Manager
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PRODUCTION AND MAINTENANCE Directs all production-related operations, including pre-press, pressroom, maintenance and transportation. Oversees both pressroom equipment and employees, including shift foreman; operates press; may be a "working manager." Supervises employees performing input, typesetting, scanning, pagination and paste-up. Supervises full-time and/or part-time employees, bundle preparation, inserting and other post-press activities. Transportation Manager70 Supervises distribution fleet, other company vehicles and shipping. Top Facility/Maintenance Manager......71 Oversees building maintenance, repair and cleaning. Salary/Wage Information for Non-Supervisory Employees: FINANCE DEPARTMENT Prepares data for journal entries, reviews GL and related financial statements for reasonableness. Assists in preparing financial statements, ledgers, reports and taxes. **ADMINISTRATIVE** Executive Assistant to Publisher or GM.......73

Works directly with and provides administrative support to Publisher or General Manager, applying

Responsible for the implementation and administration of company-wide benefits.

independent judgment and initiative.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Responsible for payroll.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

relations.

upgrades.

and troubleshoots.

INTERACTIVE MEDIA

Web Developer
Interactive Product Designer
CIRCULATION
Driver
ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT
National Advertising Sales Representative
Major Accounts Advertising Sales Representative
Retail Advertising Outside Sales Representative
Sales Account Executive/Classified Representative
Classified Inside Sales Representative
Classified Voluntary Inside Sales Representative
Digital Sales Representative
Sales Support Specialist
Graphic Artist
NEWS/EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT
Editorial Writer
Columnist

Copy Editor I
Copy Editor II
Reporter I
Reporter II
Reporter III
Investigative Reporter
Sports Reporter II
Sports Reporter III
Photographer/Videographer I
Photographer/Videographer II
Photographer/Videographer III
News Artist/Designer
Graphic Artist I
Graphic Artist II
Graphic Artist III
Librarian
PRODUCTION/MAINTENANCE/OTHER
Press Operator I
Press Operator II

Press Operator III
Prepress Specialist
Paginator
Platemaker (Union)
Platemaker (Non-Union)
Machine Operator
Inserter (Union)
Inserter (Non-Union)
Production Services Technician

Ownership of Newspaper

Circulation Groups (in thousands)

	-6	6-10	10-15	15-25	25-40	40-60	60-100	Total	
National Corporate Ownership	13	7	13	4	7	4	2	50	
Independently- Owned Paper (Stand-Alone)	0	1	1	2	0	2	1	7	
Part of Small Group of Independently- Owned Papers	1	6	2	2	0	1	1	13	

Non-Daily Staff

Does your newspaper employ full-time staff who spend at least 80 percent of their time working for non-daily publications that are produced by your company?

	-6	6-10	10-15	15-25	25-40	40-60	60-100	Total	
Yes	3	3	3	2	1	2	2	16	
No	11	9	13	5	4	5	2	49	
No Response	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	5	
If yes, do you employ a "non-daily manager"?									
Yes	0	1	3	1	1	0	2	8	
No	3	2	0	1	0	2	0	8	

Advertising Sales

On average, what percentage of advertising sales is paid to sales reps in combined salary and commission -- not including benefits?

Circulation Groups (in thousands)

	-6	6-10	10-15	15-25	25-40	40-60	60-100	Total	
Up to 10%	3	5	7	4	2	0	3	24	
11-15%	6	5	4	3	3	5	0	26	
16-20%	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	6	
21-25%	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
26-30%	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
36-40%	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
No Response	2	2	3	0	2	1	1	11	

Do you employ digital-only sales representatives in addition to multimedia sales reps?

	-6	6-10	10-15	15-25	25-40	40-60	60-100	Total	
Yes	2	3	8	6	6	5	3	33	
No	12	11	8	2	0	2	1	36	
No Response	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	

Health Coverage

Does your newspaper offer health coverage to full-time staff?

Circulation Groups (in thousands)

	-6	6-10	10-15	15-25	25-40	40-60	60-100	Total	
Yes	13	14	16	8	6	7	4	68	
No Response	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	

If yes, what percentage is paid by the newspaper?

	-6	6-10	10-15	15-25	25-40	40-60	60-100	Total	
1-10%	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
21-25%	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
26-30%	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	
31-35%	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	
36-40%	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	
46-50%	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	8	
51-55%	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
56-60%	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	5	
61-65%	2	3	0	2	3	0	2	12	
66-70%	0	0	0	1	1	2	2	6	
71-75%	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	3	
76-80%	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	
81-85%	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	
Percent varies by plan	1	0	3	1	0	3	0	8	
No Response	3	1	1	2	0	1	0	8	

Union Representation

How many unions does your newspaper currently have?

Circulation Groups (in thousands)

	-6	6-10	10-15	15-25	25-40	40-60	60-100	Total	
0 Unions	14	12	12	8	3	4	2	55	
1 Union	0	0	1	0	4	3	1	9	
2 Unions	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	
4 Unions	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
5 Unions	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	

What percentage of your total workforce is unionized?

	-6	6-10	10-15	15-25	25-40	40-60	60-100	Total	
0%	14	12	12	8	3	4	2	55	
1%	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
1.1%	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
5%	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
6%	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
7%	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	
8%	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
8.86%	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
12%	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
13%	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
19%	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
31%	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
34%	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
36%	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	
50%	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
88%	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	

Has your newspaper had any organizing activity in the past 12 months?

	-6	6-10	10-15	15-25	25-40	40-60	60-100	Total	
Yes	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
No	12	12	16	8	6	7	4	65	
No Response	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	4	