

2008 State Legislator Compensation and Living Expense Allowances During Session

State	Base Salary (annual or daily rate)	Session Per Diem Rate
Alabama	\$10/day (C)	\$3850/month adjusted annually to reflect any increase in the cost of living as indicated by U.S. Dept of Labor Consumer Price Index plus \$50/day for three days during each week that the legislature actually meets during any session (U).
Alaska	\$24,012/year	\$163 or \$218 /day (depending on the time of year) tied to federal rate. Legislators who reside in the Capitol area receive 75% of the federal rate.
Arizona	\$24,000/year	\$35/day for the 1st 120 days of regular session and for special session and \$10/day thereafter. Members residing outside Maricopa County receive an additional \$25/day for the 1st 120 days of reg. session and for special session and an additional \$10/day thereafter (V). Set by statute.
Arkansas	\$15,060/year	\$136/day (V) plus mileage tied to federal rate.
California	\$116,208/year	\$170.00 per day for each day they are in session.
Colorado	\$30,000/year	\$45/day for members living in the Denver metro area. \$150/day for members living outside Denver (V). Set by the legislature.
Connecticut	\$28,000/year	No per diem is paid.
Delaware	\$42,750/year	\$7,334 expense allowance annually.
Florida	\$31,932/year	\$126/day for House and \$133 for Senate (V) tied to federal rate. Earned based on the number of days in session. Travel vouchers are filed to substantiate.
Georgia	\$17,342/year	\$173/day (U) set by the Legislative Services Committee.
Hawaii	\$36,700/year	\$150/day for members living outside Oahu; \$10/day for members living on Oahu (V) set by the legislature.
Idaho	\$16,116/year	\$122/day for members establishing second residence in Boise; \$49/day if no second residence is established and up to \$25/day travel (V) set by Compensation Commission.
Illinois	\$65,353/year	\$129/per session day
Indiana	\$11,600/year	\$141/day (U) tied to federal rate.
Iowa	\$25,000/year	\$124/day (U). \$93.00/day for Polk County legislators (U) set by the legislature to coincide with federal rate. State mileage rates apply.
Kansas	\$86.50(C)	\$109/day (U) tied to federal rate.
Kentucky	\$184.88day (C)	\$108.90/day (U) tied to federal rate (110% Federal per diem rate).
Louisiana	\$16,800/year	\$143/day (U) tied to federal rate (26 U.S.C. Section 162(h)(1)(B)(ii)).
Maine	\$12,713/year for first session; \$9,316/year for second regular session.	\$38/day housing, or mileage and tolls in lieu of housing (at rate of \$0.40/mile up to \$38/day) plus \$32/day for meals. Per diem limits are set by statute.
Maryland	State Legislators - \$43,500/year	Lodging \$123/day; meals \$41/day maximum.
Massachusetts	\$58,237.15/year	From \$10/day-\$100/day, depending on distance from State House (V) set by the legislature.
Michigan	\$79,650/year	\$12,000 yearly expense allowance for session and interim (V) set by compensation commission.
Minnesota	\$31,140.90/year	Senators receive \$96/day and Representatives receive \$77/legislative day (U) set by the legislature/Rules Committee.
Mississippi	\$10,000/year	\$109/day (U) tied to federal rate.

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Missouri	\$31,351/year	\$87.20/day (U) tied to federal rate. Verification of per diem is by roll call.
Montana	\$82.67/day (L)	\$98.75/day (U).
Nebraska	\$12,000/year	\$109/day outside 50-mile radius from Capitol; \$39/day if member resides within 50 miles of Capitol (V) tied to federal rate.
Nevada	\$130/day maximum of 60 days of session for holdover Senators, \$137.90/day for all other legislators.	Federal rate for Capitol area (U). Legislators who live more than 50 miles from the capitol, if require lodging, will be paid at HUD single-room rate for Carson City area for each month of session.
New Hampshire	\$200/two-year term	No per diem is paid.
New Jersey	\$49,000/year	No per diem is paid.
New Mexico	None	\$144/day (V) tied to federal rate & the constitution.
New York	\$79,500/year	Varies (V) tied to federal rate.
North Carolina	\$13,951/year	\$104/day (U) set by statute. \$559.00/month expense allowance.
North Dakota	\$130/day during legislative sessions (C)	Lodging reimbursement up to \$900/month (V).
Ohio	\$60,584/year	No per diem is paid.
Oklahoma	\$38,400/year	\$130/day (U) tied to federal rate.
Oregon	\$19,884/year	\$109/day (U) tied to federal rate.
Pennsylvania	\$76,163/year	\$152 High/Low Method \$133 GSA Method.
Rhode Island	\$13,089.44/year	No per diem is paid.
South Carolina	\$10,400/year	\$131/day for meals and housing for each statewide session day and committee meeting tied to federal rate.
South Dakota	\$12,000/two-yr term	\$110/legislative day (U) set by the legislature.
Tennessee	\$18,123/year	\$161/legislative day (U) tied to federal rate.
Texas	\$7,200/year	\$151/day (U) set by Ethics Commission.
Utah	\$130/day (C)	\$107/day (U) lodging allotment for each calendar day, tied to federal rate, \$54/day meals (U).
Vermont	\$614.30/week during session \$118 per day for special sessions or interim committee meetings.	Federal per diem rate for Montpelier is \$83/day for lodging and \$54/day for meals for non-commuters; commuters receive \$54/day for meals plus mileage.
Virginia	\$18,000/year Senate, \$17,640/year House	House - \$135/day (U) tied to federal rate. Senate \$169 (U) tied to federal rate.
Washington	\$41,280/year	\$100/day - House \$90/day - Senate
West Virginia	\$15,000/year	\$115/day during session (U) set by compensation commission.
Wisconsin	\$47,413/year	\$88/day maximum (U) set by Compensation Commission (90% of federal rate).
Wyoming	\$150/day (L)	\$85/day (V) set by the legislature, includes travel days for those outside of Cheyenne.

L= Legislative Day C= Calendar Day

V= Vouchered U= Unvouchered

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