

GOVERNORS

TABLE 4.3

The Governors: Compensation, Staff, Travel and Residence

State or other jurisdiction	Salary	Governor's office staff (a)	Access to state transportation			Receives travel allowance	Reimbursed for travel expenses	Official residence
			Automobile	Airplane	Helicopter			
Alabama	120,395	37	★	★	★	...	★(b)	★
Alaska	145,000	82	★	★	...	...	★(b)	★
Arizona	95,000	26 (f)	★	★	...	...	★(b)	...
Arkansas	143,820	60	★	★	★	...	★	...
California	195,803	88	★	...	...	...	(d)	★
Colorado	90,000	50	★	★	...	★	★	★
Connecticut	150,000	27	★	...	...	...	...	(e)
Delaware	171,000	28	★	...	...	...	...	★
Florida	130,273 (c)	276 (f)	★	★(j)	...	(b)	(b)	★
Georgia	139,339	56 (f)	★	★	★	...	...	★
Hawaii	155,592	51	★	...	...	★	★	★
Idaho	124,436	17	★	★	...	...	★	...
Illinois	177,412 (c)	91	★	...	...	...	...	★
Indiana	121,233	34	★	★	★	★(b)	★(b)	★
Iowa	130,000	18	★	...	...	...	★	★
Kansas	99,636	24	★	★	★	...	★	★
Kentucky	145,992	45	★	★	★	...	★(b)	★
Louisiana	130,000	93 (f)	★	★	★	...	★	★
Maine	70,000	21	★	...	...	★	★	★
Maryland	170,000	85 (f)	★	★	★	(b)	(b)	★
Massachusetts	151,800	approx. 60	★	...	★	★(b)	★(b)	...
Michigan	159,300 (c)	75	★	★	★	(b)	(b)	★
Minnesota	127,629	37	★	★	★	...	★	★
Mississippi	122,160	29	★	★(k)	...	...	★	★
Missouri	133,821	21	★	★	...	(b)	(d)	★
Montana	115,505	58 (f)	★	★	★	...	★	★
Nebraska	105,000	9	★	★	...	★	★	★
Nevada	149,573	18 (f)	★	★	...	(b)	★(b)	★
New Hampshire	127,443	18	★	...	...	(b)	★(d)	(e)
New Jersey	175,000	128	★	...	★	★	★(b)	★
New Mexico	110,000	33	★	★	★	...	★	★
New York	179,000 (c)	180	★	★	★	...	★	★
North Carolina	144,349	59	★	★	...	★	★	★
North Dakota	129,096 (c)	18	★	★	...	...	★	★
Ohio	148,886	58	★	★	★	(b)	(d)	(e)
Oklahoma	147,000	34	★	★	...	... (b)	★(b)	★
Oregon	98,600	65 (f)	★	...	...	★(b)	★(b)	★
Pennsylvania	194,850	68	★	★	...	...	★(b)	★
Rhode Island	139,695 (c)	39	★	...	★	...	★(b)	...
South Carolina	106,078	16	★	★	...	...	★	★
South Dakota	112,214	18.75	★	★	...	...	★	★
Tennessee	119,116 (c)	37	★	★	★	★(b)	(d)	★
Texas	153,750	277	★	★	★	...	★	★
Utah	150,000	23	★	★	★	...	★	★
Vermont	166,046	14	★	★	...	...	...	...
Virginia	175,000	36	★	★	★	...	★	★
Washington	175,353	36	★	★	...	(b)	(d)	★
West Virginia	150,000	56	★	★	★	(b)	...	★
Wisconsin	146,786	34	★	★	...	...	(d)	★
Wyoming	105,000	18	★	★	...	...	★(b)	★
American Samoa	90,000	23	★	...	...	(b)	...	★
Guam	130,000	42	★	\$218/day	...	★
CNMI*	70,000	16	★	(b)	...	★
Puerto Rico	70,000	28	★	(g)	(g)	...	★	★
U.S. Virgin Islands	150,000	84	★	★	★

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The Governors: Compensation, Staff, Travel and Residence (continued)

Source: The Council of State Governments survey of governors' offices, September 2017.

*Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Key:

★--Yes

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N.A.--Not available.

(a) Definitions of "governor's office staff" vary across the states—from general office support to staffing for various operations within the executive office.

(b) Travel expenses.

Alabama—According to state policy.

Alaska—\$60/day per diem plus actual lodging expenses.

American Samoa—\$105,000. Amount includes travel allowance for entire staff.

Arizona—Receives up to \$64/day for meals based on location; receives per diem for lodging out of state; default \$41/day for meals and \$93/day lodging in state.

Florida—The Executive Office of the Governor allocates an annual budget for the governor's travel expenses. Gov. Scott is not reimbursed for personally incurred travel expenses. The Executive Office of the Governor pays the governor's travel expenses directly (hotel accommodations, meals, etc.) out of funds allocated for travel.

Guam—The amount varies based on destination but averages \$218/ per day.

Indiana—Statute allows \$12,000 but due to budget cuts the amount has been reduced to \$9,800 and reimbursed for actual expenses for travel/lodging.

Kentucky—Mileage at same rate as other state officials.

Maryland—Travel allowance included in office budget.

Massachusetts—As necessary.

Michigan—The Governor is provided a \$54,000 annual expense allowance, as determined by the State Officers Compensation Commission in 2010. "Expense allowance" is for normal, reimbursable personal expenses such as food, lodging, and travel costs incurred by an individual in carrying out the responsibilities of state office.

Missouri—Amount includes travel allowance for entire staff. Amount not available.

Nevada—Amount includes travel allowance for entire staff. The following figures include travel expenses for governor and staff, \$28,982 in state; \$12,767 out of state. Reimbursed for travel expenses per GSA/Conus rate.

New Hampshire—Travel allowance included in office budget.

New Jersey—Reimbursement may be provided for necessary expenses.

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands—Travel allowance included in office budget. Governor has a "contingency account" that can be used for travel expenses and expenses in other departments or other projects.

Ohio—Set administratively.

Oklahoma—Reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses.

Oregon—\$1,000 a month for expenses, not specific to travel. Reimbursed for actual travel expenses.

Pennsylvania—Reimbursed for reasonable expenses.

Rhode Island—The majority of travel expenses are not reimbursed since the State has centralized direct pay agreements with the various airlines / hotels for approved travel for state employees. If necessary, the governor is subject to the same per diem allowance for personal meals as other state employees, which is a maximum of \$35 per day.

Tennessee—Travel allowance included in office budget.

Washington—Travel allowance included in office budget.

West Virginia—Included in general expense account.

Wyoming—Actual lodging and transportation/federal M&IE rates.

(c) Governor's salary:

Florida—Gov. Scott has declined a salary every year since taking office.

Illinois—Gov. Rauner is only accepting a \$1 salary and takes no benefits from the state.

Michigan—Gov. Rick Snyder returns all but \$1.00 of his salary.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo has reduced his salary by 5 percent:

North Dakota—Gov. Burgum is currently not accepting a salary.

Rhode Island—Eligible for \$139,695 salary; however in March 2015, Gov. Raimondo gave herself a 5 percent pay cut, so her current salary is \$132,710.25.

Tennessee—Gov. Haslam returns his salary to the state.

(d) Information not provided.

(e) Governor's residence: Many governors are choosing to live in their own residences even when an official residence is provided.

Connecticut—Provided by the Department of Administrative Services.

New Hampshire—The current governor does not occupy the official residence.

Ohio—The governor chooses not to live in the state provided housing.

(f) Governor's staff:

Arizona—There are 26 members of the governor's executive staff, not including administrative staff.

Florida—There are 276 full-time employees. Those are broken into the following areas: Executive Direction and Support Services—124 positions; Systems Development and Design—48 positions; Office of Policy and Budget—104 positions.

Georgia—Full-time employees—56 and 2 part-time employees.

Louisiana—Full-time employees—93, part-time (non-student)—21, students—25.

Maryland—Full-time employees—85 and 1 part-time employee.

Montana—Including 16 employees in the Office of Budget and Program Planning.

Nevada—Currently 18. Maximum permitted is 23.

Oregon—Of this total, 45 are true Governor's staff and 20 are on loan for agency staff.

Vermont—Voluntary 5 percent salary reduction.

(g) The Governor's office pays for access to an airplane or helicopter with a corporate credit card and requests a refund of those expenses with the corresponding documentation to the Dept. of Treasury.

(h) Provided for security reasons as determined by the state police.

(i) When not in use by other state agencies.

(j) Gov. Scott does not utilize a state-owned airplane, but instead uses his personal aircraft.

(k) Only for official business.