

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.....	(c)	60	★	★	★	...	...	★
Alaska.....	145,000	71	★	★	...	...	★(b)	★
Arizona.....	95,000	34	★	★	...	...	★(b)	...
Arkansas.....	86,890	67	★	★	...	...	★	★
California.....	173,987	185	★	...	...	(b)	(d)	(e)
Colorado.....	90,000	50	★	★	...	★	★	(e)
Connecticut.....	150,000	37	★	...	...	...	...	(e)
Delaware.....	171,000	32	★	...	...	...	...	★
Florida.....	130,273 (c)	325 (f)	★	★	★	...	★(b)	★
Georgia.....	139,339	56 (f)	★	★	...	...	...	★
Hawaii.....	117,312	67	★	★	★	★	★	★
Idaho.....	117,000	22	★	★	...	★(b)	★(b)	(e)
Illinois.....	177,412	130	★	★	★	...	(d)	★
Indiana.....	111,688	34	★	★	★	★(b)	★(b)	★
Iowa.....	130,000	32	★	...	...	...	...	★
Kansas.....	99,636	24	★	★	★	...	★	★
Kentucky.....	153,970 (c)	65	★	★	★	★	...	★
Louisiana.....	130,000	93 (f)	★	★	...	...	...	★
Maine.....	70,000	19	★	...	...	★	★	★
Maryland.....	150,000	85 (f)	★	★	★	(b)	(b)	★
Massachusetts.....	139,832	70	★	...	★	★(b)	★(b)	...
Michigan.....	159,300 (c)	62	★	★	...	(b)	(b)	(e)
Minnesota.....	120,303	43	★	★	★	...	★	★
Mississippi.....	122,160	31	★	★	...	...	★	★
Missouri.....	133,821	38	★	★	...	(b)	(d)	★
Montana.....	108,167	65 (f)	★	★	...	...	★(b)	★
Nebraska.....	105,000	9	★	★	...	★	★	★
Nevada.....	149,573	21	★	★	...	(b)	...	★
New Hampshire.....	113,834	23	★	...	...	(b)	(d)	(e)
New Jersey.....	175,000	125	★	...	★	...	★(b)	(e)
New Mexico.....	110,000	39.3	★	★	★	...	...	★
New York.....	179,000 (c)	180	★	★	...	...	★	★
North Carolina.....	141,265	68	★	★	...	★(b)	★(b)	★
North Dakota.....	116,999	17	★	★	...	...	★	★
Ohio.....	148,886	60	★	★	★	(b)	(d)	(e)
Oklahoma.....	147,000	30	★	★	★	...(b)	★(b)	★
Oregon.....	93,600	65 (f)	★	...	...	★(b)	★(b)	★
Pennsylvania.....	187,256 (c)	68	★	★	...	...	★(b)	★
Rhode Island.....	129,210	46	★	...	...	...	★	...
South Carolina.....	106,078	29	★	★	...	...	★	★
South Dakota.....	100,972	21.5	...	★	...	...	★	★
Tennessee.....	178,356 (c)	32	★	★	★	★(b)	★(b)	★
Texas.....	150,000	266	★	★	★	...	★	★
Utah.....	109,470	16	★	★	...	...	★	★
Vermont.....	142,542 (c)	12	★	...	...	★	...	...
Virginia.....	175,000	44	★	★	★	...	★	★
Washington.....	166,891	36	★	★	...	(b)	(d)	★
West Virginia.....	150,000	49	★	★	★	(b)	(d)	★
Wisconsin.....	144,423	25	★	★	...	...	(d)	★
Wyoming.....	105,000	22	★	★	...	...	★(b)	★
American Samoa.....	50,000	23	★	...	...	(b)	...	★
Guam.....	90,000	42	★	...	...	\$218/day	...	★
No. Mariana Islands...	70,000	16	★	...	...	(b)	...	★
Puerto Rico.....	70,000	28	★	(g)	(g)	...	★	★
U.S. Virgin Islands....	80,000	86	★	★	★

See footnotes at end of table.

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Source: The Council of State Governments, April 2013.

Key:

★ — Yes

... — No

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:

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

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

Arizona—The rate depends on the location and the date. The default \$34/day for meals and \$60/day lodging.

California—\$145,000 in state; \$36,000 out of state.

Florida—State can reimburse. Reimbursed at same rate as other state officials: in-state, choice between \$80 per diem (\$20/per quarter of a day) or actual hotel expenses, meals, transportation; out-of-state, same as in-state. Foreign travel: actual transportation, per diem and meals based on Federal reimbursement rates.

Idaho—Travel allowance included in office budget. The Governor is reimbursed for actual travel expenses, but he must turn in travel vouchers with appropriate receipts.

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.

Maryland—Travel allowance included in office budget.

Massachusetts—As necessary.

Michigan—The Governor is provided a \$60,000 annual expense allowance, as determined by the State Officers Compensation Commission in 2000. “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.

Montana—Statutory rate applicable to all state employees.

Nevada—Amount includes travel allowance for entire staff. The following figures include travel expenses for governor and staff, \$45,750 in state; \$32,800 out of state.

New Hampshire—Travel allowance included in office budget.

New Jersey—Reimbursement may be provided for necessary expenses.

North Carolina—Travel allowance—receives \$11,500, expense allowance, not just travel. Reimbursed for actual out-of-state travel expenses.

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.

Tennessee—Travel allowance included in office budget.

Washington—Travel allowance included in office budget.

West Virginia—Included in general expense account.

Wyoming—\$99/day or actual.

(c) Governor’s salary:

Alabama—Gov. Robert Bentley is not accepting his salary, \$119,950 until the unemployment rate in Alabama drops.

Florida—Gov. Rick Scott does not collect his salary.

Kentucky—Reflects a voluntary 10 percent salary reduction.

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

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

Pennsylvania—1.7 percent of Gov. Corbett’s salary is being repaid as part of the management pay freeze.

Tennessee—Gov. Haslam returns his salary to the state. Tennessee statute mandates the governor and the chief justice of the Supreme Court receive the same salary, currently, \$170,340.

Vermont—Governor has taken a voluntary five percent reduction in the annual salary set in statute.

(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.

California—Provided by Governor’s Residence Foundation, a non-profit organization which provides a residence for the governor of California. No rent is charged; maintenance and operational costs are provided by California Department of General Services. The original residence was sold in a cost-savings attempt.

Colorado—The governor chooses to live in his private home and allow cabinet members who live farther away to occupy the governor’s mansion.

Connecticut—maintained by the Department of Public Works.

Idaho—The state of Idaho has returned the Simplot mansion to the family heirs. Gov. Otter receives a housing allowance of \$58,000 a year and lives in his own house.

Michigan—Constitution mandates official residence in Lansing.

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

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

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

(f) Governor’s staff:

Florida—The Governor’s office budget includes the following staff for the Executive Office: 116 Drug Control, 7 Office of Tourism, 21 Trade and Economic Dev., 48 System Design, 105 Office of Policy and Budget, 14 Energy Office and 14 the Agency for Enterprise Information Technology (a Cabinet Agency administratively housed in the EOG).

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 20 employees in the Office of Budget and Program Planning.

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.