

Table 3.9
LEGISLATIVE COMPENSATION AND LIVING EXPENSE ALLOWANCES DURING SESSIONS

State	Salaries					Session per item rate
	Regular sessions		Annual salary	Mileage cents per mile	Limit on days	
	Per-diem salary	...				
Alabama.....	\$42,830 (a)	54/mile.	...	(b)
Alaska.....	\$30,400	54/mile.	...	\$223 or \$249/d (depending on the time of year). Tied to the federal rate. Legislators who reside in the capitol area receive 75% of the federal rate.
Arizona.....	\$24,000	44.5/mile.	...	\$35/d for the first 120 days of the regular session and for special sessions and \$10/d thereafter; members residing outside Maricopa County receive an additional \$25/d for the first 120 days of the regular session and for special sessions and an additional \$10/d thereafter (Y). Set by statute.
Arkansas.....	\$39,400	54/mile.	...	\$150/d plus mileage (Y). Tied to the federal rate.
California.....	\$100,113	53/mile.	...	\$176/d for each day in session.
Colorado.....	\$30,000	49/mile.	...	\$99/d for members living outside Denver; \$45/d for members who live 50 or fewer miles from the capitol (Y). Set by the legislature.
Connecticut.....	\$28,000	54/mile.	...	No per diem is paid.
Delaware.....	\$44,541	40/mile.	...	No per diem is paid.
Florida.....	\$29,697	44.5/mile.	...	\$152/d based on the number of days in Tallahassee (Y).
Georgia.....	\$17,342	54/mile. Tied to federal rate.	...	\$173/d (U). Set by the Legislative Services Committee.
Hawaii.....	\$60,180	(c)	...	\$175/d throughout session for members who do not reside on the island of Oahu; \$10/d for members living on Oahu during the mandatory five-day recess only.
Idaho.....	\$16,684	54/mile. One roundtrip per wk.	...	\$129/d for members establishing a second residence in Boise; \$49/d if no second residence is established and up to \$25/d travel (Y). Set by the compensation commission.
Illinois.....	\$67,836	39/mile.	...	\$111/session day.
Indiana.....	\$24,671	54/mile. Tied to federal rate.	...	\$161/d (U). Tied to federal rate.
Iowa.....	\$25,000	39/mile.	...	\$160/d; \$120/d for Polk County legislators (U). Set by the legislature to coincide with the federal rate.
Kansas.....	\$88.66/d (C)	...	...	54/mile.	...	\$140/d.
Kentucky.....	\$188.22/d	...	...	54/mile.	...	\$154/d.
Louisiana.....	\$16,800	54/mile. Tied to federal rate.	...	\$157/d (U). Tied to federal rate.
Maine.....	\$14,074/y first regular session; \$9,982/y second regular session. (d)	44/mile.	...	\$38/d lodging (or mileage and tolls up to \$38/d in lieu of housing). \$32/d meals. Set by statute.

See footnotes at end of table.

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State	Salaries					Session per diem rate
	Regular sessions		Annual salary	Mileage cents per mile	Session per diem rate	
	Per-diem salary	Limit on days				
Maryland	\$46,061	54/mile. (e)	\$45/d meals; \$101/d lodging.	
Massachusetts	\$60,032	(f)	(f)	
Michigan	\$71,685	54/mile.	\$10,800/y expense allowance for session and interim (V). Set by the compensation commission.	
Minnesota	\$31,141	Tied to federal rate. (g)	\$86/d for senators; \$66/d for representatives.	
Mississippi	\$10,000	54/mile.	\$140/d (U). Tied to federal rate.	
Missouri	\$35,915	37.5/mile.	\$112/d (U). Tied to federal rate.	
Montana	\$82.64 (L)	...	...	54/mile. Tied to federal rate.	\$112.85/d (U).
Nebraska	\$12,000	54/mile. Tied to federal rate.	\$140/d for members residing 50 miles or more from the capitol; \$51/d for members residing inside the 50-mile radius.	
Nevada	\$146.29/d (C)	Up to 60 days.	...	54/mile. Tied to federal rate.	\$140/d.	
New Hampshire	\$200/2-y term	(h)	No per diem is paid.	
New Jersey	\$49,000	None	No per diem is paid.	
New Mexico	54/mile. Tied to federal rate.	\$163/d (V). Tied to federal rate.	
New York	\$79,500	54/mile. Tied to federal rate.	\$174/d (including overnight) or \$59/d (no overnight).	
North Carolina	\$13,951	29/mile. One roundtrip per wk.	\$104/d (U). Set by statute.	
North Dakota	\$172/d (C)	...	...	54/mile. One roundtrip per wk. Tied to federal rate.	Up to \$1,682/m lodging (V).
Ohio	\$60,584	52/mile. (i)	No per diem is paid.	
Oklahoma	\$38,400	54/mile. Tied to federal rate.	\$157/d (U). Tied to federal rate.	
Oregon	\$23,568	54/mile.	\$140/d.	
Pennsylvania	\$85,339	54/mile. Tied to federal rate.	\$175/d. Tied to federal rate.	
Rhode Island	\$15,414	57.5/mile.	No per diem is paid.	
South Carolina	\$10,400	54/mile. Tied to federal rate.	\$140/d. Tied to federal rate.	
South Dakota	\$6,000/session	(j)	\$140/d (L) (U).	
Tennessee	\$20,884	47/mile.	\$204/d (L) (U). Tied to federal rate.	

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State	Salaries			Mileage cents per mile	Session per item rate
	Per-diem salary	Regular sessions	Limit on days		
Texas.....	...	\$7,200	...	50/mile. \$1.24/mile for single, twin and turbo engine airplanes. Set by general appropriations bill.	\$190/d (U). Set by ethics commission.
Utah.....	\$273/d (C)	...	...	56/mile.	Up to \$100 plus tax/d (C) lodging; up to \$39/d meals (V). Tied to in-state lodging and meal reimbursement rates.
Vermont.....	...	\$693,74/w during session.	...	54/mile. Tied to federal rate.	\$115/d lodging (including overnight) or \$74/d (no overnight).
Virginia.....	...	\$18,000/y Senate; \$17,640/y House.	...	54/mile.	\$185/d senators; \$185/d delegates.
Washington.....	...	\$45,474/y; increases to \$46,839/y eff. 9/1/2016.	...	54/mile.	\$120/d.
West Virginia.....	...	\$20,000	...	48.5/mile.	\$131/d (U). Set by compensation commission.
Wisconsin.....	...	\$50,950	...	51/mile. One roundtrip per wk.	Senate—up to \$88/d (\$44/d legislators living in Dane County). Assembly—up to \$138/d (including overnight) or up to \$69/d (no overnight). The maximum number of days per year that per diem can be claimed is 80 days.
Wyoming.....	\$150/d	...	...	54/mile.	\$109/d (V). Set by legislature.

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures, 2016.

Key:

- C — Calendar day
- L — Legislative day
- (U) — Unvouchered
- (V) — Vouchered
- Not applicable

(a) Alabama. The State Personnel Board met on Oct. 27, 2015, and set the median annual household income amount at \$42,830.00. This current median annual household amount will begin on January 1, 2016 and will continue through December 31, 2016.

(b) Alabama. Legislators no longer receive a set per diem rate while in session. Legislators are reimbursed for in-state travel expenses which include mileage and per diem in accordance with rates and procedures applicable to state employees. All out-of-district reimbursable travel must be for official business and in the interests of the state or in the performance of official duties, as approved by the applicable presiding officer.

(c) Hawaii. Members may claim a mileage reimbursement for reasonable and necessary use of a personal automobile in the conduct of official legislative business and discharge of duties when meeting certain criteria.

(d) Maine. Annual cost of living adjustments apply. In addition, legislators receive a constituent service allowance (\$2,000/year for Senators and \$1,500/year for Representatives).

(e) Maryland. \$750 annual allowance for in-district travel as taxable income; members may decline the allowance.

(f) Massachusetts. \$10–\$100/d depending on distance from State House (V). Set by the legislature. reimbursement for travel in the Legislative district during interim. During session, House members can request up to one round trip per week if they live more than 50 miles from the Capitol.

(h) New Hampshire. Round trip home to the state House at 38/mile for the first 45 miles and 19/mile thereafter, or members will be reimbursed for actual expenses and mileage will be paid at the federal rate.

(i) Ohio. One roundtrip per wk from home to the state House for legislators outside Franklin County only; at 5/mile. South Dakota. 42/mile for one roundtrip from capital to home each weekend. One trip is paid at 5/mile.