

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)	40	★	★	★	...	★(b)	★
Alaska.....	145,000	71	★	★	...	...	★(b)	★
Arizona.....	95,000	29 (f)	★	★	...	...	★(b)	...
Arkansas.....	141,000	55	★	★	...	...	★	★
California.....	182,789	81	★	...	...	...	(d)	...
Colorado.....	90,000	50	★	★	...	★	★	(e)
Connecticut.....	150,000	27	★	...	...	...	...	(e)
Delaware.....	171,000	32	★	...	...	...	...	★
Florida.....	130,273	256 (f)	★	★(j)	...	(b)	(b)	★
Georgia.....	139,339	56 (f)	★	★	...	...	...	★
Hawaii.....	149,556	51	★	...	...	★	★	★
Idaho.....	122,597	18	★	★	...	...	★	...
Illinois.....	177,412	99	★	★	...	★	(d)	★
Indiana.....	111,688	34	★	★	★	★(b)	★(b)	★
Iowa.....	130,000	17	★	...	...	...	★	★
Kansas.....	99,636	24	★	★	...	...	★	★
Kentucky.....	140,070	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)	73	★	★	★	(b)	(b)	★
Minnesota.....	127,150	35	★	★	...	...	★	★
Mississippi.....	122,160	29	★	★(k)	...	...	★	★
Missouri.....	133,821	21	★	★	...	(b)	(d)	★
Montana.....	111,569	58 (f)	★	★	★	...	★	★
Nebraska.....	105,000	9	★	★	...	★	★(b)	★
Nevada.....	149,573	18 (f)	★	★	...	(b)	★(b)	★
New Hampshire.....	127,443	19	★	...	...	(b)	(d)	(e)
New Jersey.....	175,000	128	★	...	★	★	★(b)	★
New Mexico.....	110,000	33	★	★	★	...	★	★
New York.....	179,000 (c)	180	★	★	★	...	★	★
North Carolina.....	142,265	68	★	★	...	★	★	★
North Dakota.....	129,096	17	★	★	...	...	★	★
Ohio.....	148,304	60	★	★	★	(b)	(d)	(c)
Oklahoma.....	147,000	34	★	★	...	...(b)	★(b)	★
Oregon.....	98,600	65 (f)	★	...	...	★(b)	★(b)	★
Pennsylvania.....	190,823	68	★	★	...	...	★(b)	★
Rhode Island.....	132,710	38	★	...	★	...	(b)	...
South Carolina.....	106,078	16	★	★	...	...	★	★
South Dakota.....	109,264	18,75	★	★	...	...	★	★
Tennessee.....	187,500 (c)	36	★	★	★	★(b)	(d)	★
Texas.....	153,750	277	★	★	★	...	★	★
Utah.....	109,900	23	★	★	★	...	...	★
Vermont.....	145,538	14	★	★	...	★	...	...
Virginia.....	175,000	36	★	★	★	...	★	★
Washington.....	171,898	36	★	★	...	(b)	(d)	★
West Virginia.....	150,000	56	★	★	...	(b)	...	★
Wisconsin.....	147,328	25	★	★	...	...	(d)	★
Wyoming.....	105,000	29	★	★	...	...	★(b)	★
American Samoa.....	90,000	23	★	...	...	(b)	...	★
Guam.....	130,000	42	★	...	...	\$218/day	...	★
No. Mariana Islands.....	70,000	16	★	...	...	(b)	...	★
Puerto Rico.....	70,000	28	★	(g)	(g)	...	★	★
U.S. Virgin Islands.....	150,000	84	★	★	★

See footnotes at end of table.

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Source: The Council of State Governments survey of governors' offices, October 2015 and March 2016.

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.

Alabama—According to state policy.

Alaska—\$42/day per diem plus actual lodging expenses.

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

Arizona—Receives up to \$59/day for meals based on location; receives per diem for lodging out of state; default \$34/day for meals and \$60/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.

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:

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

Michigan—The Governor returns all but \$1 of his salary.

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

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.

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—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 29 members of the governor's executive staff, not including administrative staff.

Florida—There are 256 full-time employees. Those are broken into the following areas: Executive Direction and Support Services—104 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.