OBTAINING SALARY INFORMATION FOR CHIROPRACTORS

Chiropractic salaries can vary widely & depend on a variety of factors. Some of the factors that can govern salary can include size of the practice, geographic location, & if the practice is a specialty practice. State scope of practice can also be a factor. Other variables may be the inclusion of bonuses or incentives.

Although not considered to be salary per se, there are other items that may be considered to be part of a compensation package. Those may include benefits such as health insurance or other types of insurances, vacation or sick time, reimbursement for continuing education, or retirement benefits. Also, be aware of the fact that, as a new professional, you may not be offered the same salary as someone with more experience in your profession. Depending on your goals or personal situation, you may weigh some of these benefits against the total amount of a salary figure. All salary offers should be evaluated in light of your own personal situation & goals.

The websites listed below can be referred to for general information about salary information for chiropractors at the state & local levels. However, be aware that this information is general and should be used for information purposes only. It should NOT be used for evaluating or choosing specific job offers.

America’s Career Infonet –


This website is maintained by the United States Department of Labor, & provides information about a wide variety of careers. It provides estimates of wages paid to individuals in these occupations based on information collected from federal and state labor and employment agencies. Self-employed individuals are not included in these estimates. Sources of wage information are posted on the webpage. It is very general information, but a trustworthy source of information about wages for these careers. The link above will take you to a selection screen for states for chiropractic salaries – simply choose the state you’re interested in & the wage information at the state and national level will appear. From there, use the “see more wages” button under the wage table to obtain salary information for specific metropolitan areas within that state. Last, on the upper left side of the MSA screen (just above the column header for “Location”), click on the link to “View National Data” to obtain a ranking of average salary information for chiropractors by state.
Find “chiropractor” using the “A-Z Index” or by using the search function. The average salary reported comes from Chiropractic Economics Magazine annual salary and expense surveys.

Chiropractic Economics Magazine – www.chiroeco.com. Published each year in May, this magazine’s annual salary and expense survey provides general income information for chiropractors at the national level. According to the 2015 survey, the average salary for an associate is $63,000, based on a pool of 719 respondents (1).

To look up past surveys, click on “Past Issues” (left margin), select a year & look for the May edition for that year).

HOW FAR WILL YOUR SALARY TAKE YOU?

Once you’ve determined an approximate salary level from one or more of the websites listed above, use a cost of living calculator to determine what standard of living that salary will enable you to have in the place you’re considering settling in. The following websites have cost of living calculators:


Sperlings’ Best Places - http://www.bestplaces.net/COL/

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