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## ABOUT THIS GUIDE

In collaboration with EMM Research, SourceLab Search (SLS) presents an insightful guide offering a comprehensive view of the current employment landscape. With EMM Research's expertise in economic research, data services, and consulting, our guide navigates the complexities of today's competitive labor market, providing valuable insights into national salary standards and industry trends.

## Key Highlights

## - Data Collaboration

- Our guide combines SLS's proprietary data and insights with information sourced from trusted third-party providers such as EMM Research and The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- Organized Insights
- Salary data is meticulously organized by department, job title, and level, offering a clear understanding of compensation structures across various functions.
- Flexible Salary Ranges
- Recognizing the diverse factors influencing salaries, we present three ranges-low, mid, and high. This flexibility accounts for variables like experience, expertise, market demand, and company size.


## - Local Market Comparison

- To contextualize national averages, our guide includes a "regional variance" section at start of this guide. This feature allows readers to assess how wages in their local markets compare to the presented data.

Please Note: The roles featured in this guide represent a sampling of the diverse positions SLS specializes in. For a detailed exploration of key positions specific to your local market, we encourage you to contact a SLS representative in your area. Our team provides tailored staffing solutions that align with your unique organizational needs and goals.

## General Information \& Trends

In the dynamic landscape of 2024 marked by inflation, corporate shifts, and evolving technology, SLS emerges as your strategic partner for navigating the intricate world of talent acquisition. As a premier staffing and recruiting firm, SLS understands that in this era of change, optimizing compensation is paramount for securing top-tier talent.


## TALENT MARKET TRENDS

## Evolving Temporary Employment Dynamics

In the ever-changing employment landscape, temporary work has experienced a notable decline of approximately 240,000 positions since March 2022. However, this dip is tempered by resilience, with temporary employment still standing at or above pre-pandemic levels. Against the backdrop of inflation, expectations for wage growth in 2024 have become nuanced. A noteworthy demographic shift is observed among workers aged 55 and older, who opted for early retirement during the pandemic, potentially reentering the workforce at a temporary level. Companies are also considering this specific labor to help control headcount and overall costs.

## Employment Pendulum Swinging Back to Employers

We are seeing and feeling the conclusion of "Great Resignation." While the phenomenon is objectively acknowledged, declining quit rates signal a stabilizing workforce, with employees displaying a growing inclination to remain in their current roles. The aftermath of widespread hiring freezes and large-scale layoffs has left an indelible mark on job security perceptions, reshaping the dynamics of the job market. Despite an influx of skilled workers, the hiring market remains remarkably tight. In this environment, strategic talent acquisition is paramount for organizations aiming to navigate the complex terrain successfully.

## Prioritizing Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB)

Despite years of prioritizing diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging (DEIB), progress remains elusive for many companies. The stumbling blocks often lie in the execution and communication of DEIB programs. To overcome internal obstacles, HR teams and managers must equip themselves with effective tools and strategies to address resistance proactively. SLS recommends assessing candidates based on role-specific skills rather than overemphasizing credentials or prior experience. Removing formal education or credential requirements from job postings fosters greater inclusivity and opens a larger candidate pool. Direct outreach to external candidates from nontraditional backgrounds ensures equal access to unexplored talent pools, while empowering employees from nontraditional backgrounds to leverage their networks amplifies the impact of organizational diversity initiatives.

## Generative AI Transforming Workspaces

The technological landscape has been profoundly shaped by Al-powered innovations, with ChatGPT emerging as a frontrunner in discussions and actions. Deemed the mosthyped tech tool of the past decade, it has prompted enterprise leaders to consider prioritizing investing in Al technologies. These conversations have turned into significant funding with investments in healthcare Al anticipated to skyrocket from $\$ 11$ billion in 2022 to a staggering $\$ 188$ billion by 2030. In the realm of staffing, this evolution invites organizations to reevaluate their workforce strategies. As technology becomes an integral part of daily tasks, employees, employers, and staffing solutions must adapt to the changing landscape.

## REGIONAL VARIANCE

The salaries outlined in this guide are based on national averages. We recognize that it is crucial to distinguish between the economic disparities of differing job markets and cost of living. To assist you in determining the most precise salary ranges for your specific location, we have provided variances for key markets across the United States. The local wage multipliers presented here leverage data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employment and have been meticulously analyzed by EMM Human Capital Analytics. To calculate market specific salaries, multiply the national salary by the local multiplier found below.


| CITY | STATE | MULTIPLIER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Albuquerque | NM | 0.91 |
| Atlanta | GA | 1.01 |
| Austin | TX | 1.02 |
| Baltimore | MD | 1.09 |
| Boston | MA | 1.28 |
| Charleston | SC | 0.98 |
| Charlotte | NC | 0.97 |
| Chicago | IL | 1.05 |
| Cincinnati | OH | 0.93 |
| Columbia | SC | 0.81 |
| Dallas | TX | 0.98 |
| Deerfield Beach | FL | 1.11 |
| Denver | CO | 1.15 |
| Detroit | MI | 1.00 |
| East Hampton | NY | 1.17 |
| Edison | NJ | 1.08 |
| Englewood Cliffs | NJ | 1.08 |
| Farmingdale | NY | 1.17 |
| Houston | TX | 0.97 |
| Indianapolis | IN | 0.93 |
| Jackson | MS | 0.91 |
| Kansas City | MO | 0.95 |
| Las Vegas | NV | 0.98 |
| Los Angeles | CA | 1.29 |
| Memphis | TN | 0.86 |
| Miami | FL | 0.96 |
| Minneapolis | MN | 1.08 |
| Milwaukee | WI | 0.95 |
| Naples | FL | 1.11 |

## REGIONAL VARIANCE

To calculate market specific salaries, multiply the national salary by the local multiplier found below. Note that additional variables should be taken into consideration when reviewing salaries including local and state laws, minimum wages, cost of living, and additional benefits/perks related to the position.


| CITY | STATE | MULTIPLIER |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nashua | NH | 0.82 |
| Nashville | TN | 0.93 |
| New Orleans | LA | 0.88 |
| New York | NY | 1.28 |
| Oklahoma City | OK | 0.87 |
| Omaha | NE | 0.68 |
| Orange County | CA | 1.15 |
| Orlando | FL | 0.9 |
| Paramus | NJ | 1.04 |
| Philadelphia | PA | 1.08 |
| Phoenix | AZ | 0.98 |
| Pittsburgh | PA | 0.95 |
| Portland | OR | 1.09 |
| Providence | RI | 0.72 |
| Raleigh | NC | 0.99 |
| Richmond | VA | 0.97 |
| Salt Lake City | UT | 1.00 |
| San Antonio | TX | 0.89 |
| San Diego | CA | 1.15 |
| San Francisco | CA | 1.31 |
| Seattle | WA | 1.19 |
| Springfield | OH | 0.81 |
| Stamford | CT | 1.05 |
| St. Louis | MI | 0.96 |
| Syracuse | NY | 0.73 |
| Tampa | FL | 0.94 |
| Washington, D.C. |  | 1.29 |

## DIGITAL MARKETING \& MEDIA

The dynamic world of digital marketing and media is witnessing significant changes in 2024. The industry faces challenges from Al-based marketing tactics, heightened demand for personalized experiences, an increased reliance on voice search, and intensified competition for consumer attention. The post-pandemic era sees a continued prevalence of remote or hybrid work models among marketing professionals having the highest percentage of current hyrbid and remote work amongst industries.
$86 \%$ of marketers are currently operating in fully remote or hybrid environments
Preferences for work settings indicate a shift, with $56 \%$ favoring fully remote work and $30 \%$ opting for a hybrid situation
$>$ Only $14 \%$ express a preference for a fully onsite arrangement
Remote work's success hinges on proactive leadership. Leaders must prioritize engagement and foster active two-way communication to address challenges and ensure the effectiveness of remote or hybrid work arrangements

In the rapidly evolving landscape of Digital Marketing \& Media, adaptability is key. Marketers must navigate the complexities of the evolving market with Al integration while simultaneously needing to strike a very human balance of embracing remote and hybrid work models while addressing associated challenges to create a thriving and engaged workforce. Partnering with a staffing agency adds a strategic layer, ensuring access to specialized talent and overcoming hurdles associated with the evolving work landscape.

## DIGITAL MARKETING \& MEDIA SALARY INFORMATION

| Tifle | Entry-Level | Mid-Level | Senior-Level |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Digital Media Roles |  |  |  |
| Account Director | \$99,401 | \$126,654 | \$163,255 |
| Account Executive | \$63,026 | \$77,135 | \$93,638 |
| Account Manager | \$58,784 | \$72,520 | \$82,080 |
| Account Planner | \$70,147 | \$80,168 | \$90,189 |
| Digital Project Manager | \$53,333 | \$72,451 | \$99,667 |
| Interactive Producer | \$63,000 | \$89,255 | \$124,333 |
| Media Buyer | \$56,500 | \$70,469 | \$86,833 |
| Media Director | \$83,869 | \$110,295 | \$138,477 |
| Media Planner | \$52,167 | \$66,458 | \$82,333 |
| Project Manager | \$76,800 | \$99,667 | \$129,000 |
| Content/Copywriting Roles |  |  |  |
| Content Marketing Manager | \$70,167 | \$87,375 | \$106,167 |
| Content Strategist | \$62,747 | \$83,433 | \$114,333 |
| Copy Editor | \$49,567 | \$63,004 | \$81,700 |
| Copywriter | \$51,177 | \$65,585 | \$84,981 |
| Proofreader | \$55,116 | \$62,631 | \$70,147 |
| Proposal Writer | \$57,500 | \$71,000 | \$86,834 |
| SEO Writer | \$48,315 | \$58,063 | \$83,587 |
| Technical Writer | \$57,667 | \$75,882 | \$97,667 |
| Web Editor | \$46,000 | \$61,121 | \$83,167 |
| Design/Art Direction Roles |  |  |  |
| Apparel Designer | \$52,333 | \$62,233 | \$73,400 |
| Art Director | \$54,000 | \$86,333 | \$134,333 |
| Creative Director | \$77,333 | \$123,667 | \$178,333 |
| Creative Services Manager | \$62,500 | \$85,000 | \$110,000 |
| Graphic Designer | \$45,667 | \$58,667 | \$75,000 |
| Illustrator | \$54,067 | \$74,000 | \$90,333 |
| Infographic Designer | \$60,333 | \$78,000 | \$98,000 |
| Instructional Designer | \$59,500 | \$76,381 | \$95,333 |
| Interaction Designer | \$81,000 | \$104,667 | \$133,333 |
| Key Art Designer | \$60,126 | \$70,147 | \$80,168 |
| Mobile App Designer | \$50,667 | \$76,667 | \$108,333 |
| Packaging Designer | \$48,650 | \$60,854 | \$79,225 |
| Presentation Designer | \$61,025 | \$73,774 | \$88,125 |
| Product Designer | \$91,333 | \$112,933 | \$140,333 |
| Typographer | \$39,928 | \$52,989 | \$68,270 |
| Visual Designer | \$62,550 | \$79,751 | \$101,313 |

## DIGITAL MARKETING \& MEDIA SALARY INFORMATION

| Title | Entry-Level | Mid-Level | Senior-Level |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Web Designer | \$57,500 | \$68,750 | \$106,500 |
| Web Production Artist | \$54,000 | \$66,667 | \$85,667 |
| Big Data Engineer | \$94,000 | \$116,667 | \$147,667 |
| Business Analyst | \$93,500 | \$100,233 | \$125,667 |
| Cloud Computing Analyst | \$70,000 | \$85,800 | \$113,200 |
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| Data Roles |  |  |  |
| Data Scientist | \$71,333 | \$119,407 | \$235,000 |
| Database Developer | \$75,333 | \$95,904 | \$119,500 |
| Database Manager | \$55,000 | \$72,707 | \$107,077 |
| Developer (UI/Front End) | \$64,943 | \$88,250 | \$121,905 |
| Full Stack Developer | \$81,500 | \$102,183 | \$124,667 |
| Mobile App Developer | \$74,500 | \$96,000 | \$120,000 |
| Quality Assurance Manager | \$82,750 | \$106,750 | \$135,500 |
| Quality Assurance Tester | \$47,500 | \$66,750 | \$86,250 |
| Software Developer | \$73,667 | \$95,667 | \$124,000 |
| Systems Analyst | \$69,333 | \$84,732 | \$105,667 |
| Digital Marketing |  |  |  |
| Brand Manager | \$76,667 | \$110,000 | \$143,333 |
| Community Manager | \$43,333 | \$62,333 | \$112,000 |
| Digital Acquisition Specialist | \$51,000 | \$81,500 | \$139,000 |
| Digital Analytics Manager | \$80,333 | \$112,333 | \$142,333 |
| Digital Marketing Manager | \$75,333 | \$97,000 | \$162,667 |
| Digital Strategist | \$40,333 | \$63,000 | \$97,333 |
| Email Marketer | \$51,667 | \$68,333 | \$86,333 |
| Event Marketing Specialist | \$40,667 | \$56,000 | \$79,333 |
| Marketing Analyst | \$48,000 | \$65,000 | \$84,333 |
| Marketing Manager | \$82,000 | \$103,333 | \$136,667 |
| Marketing Researcher | \$49,333 | \$67,000 | \$87,000 |
| Merchandise Manager | \$53,500 | \$81,500 | \$103,500 |
| PR Manager | \$80,000 | \$105,000 | \$135,000 |
| Product Manager | \$89,000 | \$140,000 | \$196,667 |
| SEM Specialist | \$51,000 | \$60,000 | \$80,000 |

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| Title | Entry-Level | Mid-Level | Senior-Level |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| SEO Specialist | \$46,667 | \$67,000 | \$86,667 |
| Social Media Specialist | \$28,333 | \$51,000 | \$80,333 |
| Visual Merchandiser | \$23,667 | \$43,667 | \$68,000 |
| Web Analytics Specialist | \$47,000 | \$81,000 | \$113,667 |
| Studio/Production |  |  |  |
| Desktop Publisher | \$38,333 | \$61,000 | \$91,333 |
| Photo Re-toucher | \$36,667 | \$59,333 | \$100,667 |
| Photographer | \$39,333 | \$55,333 | \$88,000 |
| Pre-Press Specialist | \$44,333 | \$54,667 | \$69,667 |
| Production Artist | \$36,333 | \$54,667 | \$82,667 |
| Production Manager/Director | \$175,333 | \$224,333 | \$278,667 |
| Project Manager | \$45,667 | \$86,667 | \$132,000 |
| Studio Manager | \$44,000 | \$65,667 | \$89,000 |
| Traffic Manager | \$64,667 | \$91,333 | \$125,000 |
| Video Producer | \$44,667 | \$69,667 | \$97,000 |
| UX/UI |  |  |  |
| Information Architect | \$61,000 | \$112,667 | \$156,667 |
| Interactive Designer | \$67,333 | \$101,000 | \$137,667 |
| UI Designer | \$73,667 | \$104,333 | \$152,333 |
| UI Developer | \$61,000 | \$101,667 | \$142,667 |
| User Researcher | \$72,667 | \$97,000 | \$170,667 |
| UX/UI Manager | \$113,333 | \$132,667 | \$159,000 |
| UX Designer | \$69,000 | \$106,000 | \$133,333 |

## TALENTSTRATECY IS INOUR DNA

## WHO WE ARE

SourceLab Search is your premier choice for talent acquisition solutions in the digital marketing and media industries. With extensive experience in recruitment, we take pride in understanding the unique needs of our clients to consistently deliver outstanding results efficiently. Our team of specialized recruiters is dedicated to identifying and securing top-tier talent, ensuring you have the creative and skilled professionals you need.

## OUR DISCIPLINES

## - Analytics

- Creative
- Data Strategy
- Design
- Fashion, Beauty, \& Retail
- Marketing
- Media
- Product
- Public Relations
- and more!


## CONTACT US



With a nationwide network of offices, we leverage a diverse candidate pool, reinforced by advanced technology and dedicated research teams for top-notch talent solutions.

## FLEXIBLESOLUTIONS

We understand that every organization has unique staffing needs. Whether you need a comprehensive RPO solution, on-site support, or a contingent solution, we offer creative staffing strategies to best suit your needs, ensuring optimal results.

## PERSONALIZED APPROACH

Our industry-specific recruiters provide the boutiquestyle personal touch while leveraging the resources and capabilities of a national firm, ensuring you receive exceptional service tailored to your needs.

## DEIB COMMITMENT

At SourceLab, we prioritize diverse talent acquisition, with $60 \%$ of our placements being gender and racially diverse as of September 2023. Our recruiters, DEIB certified through internal training, reflect our commitment to inclusive staffing.

## EMM HUMAN CAPITAL ANALYTICS

EMM Human Capital Analytics is a provider of data-driven market intelligence. We offer extensive expertise in human capital analysis with a thorough understanding of the industries we serve. By combining our executive recruiting acumen with sophisticated data research and analytics capabilities, we help clients maximize decisions on human capital needs and insights.

## SERVICE SCALE

- Expert Network
- Organizational Charts
- Market Mapping
- Vertical Profiling
- Compensation Data
- Human Capital Economic Analysis
- Candidate Movement


## SECTORS

- Alternative Investments
- Asset Management
- Real Estate
- Digital Marketing \& Media
- Legal
- Healthcare
- Hospitality
- Accounting \& Finance
- Private \& Public Corporations
- Engineering



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