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Median annual wages vary widely among hospital workers, according to May 2025 [data](#) from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Registered nurses, the nation's largest healthcare practitioner occupation with roughly 3.4 million employed nationwide, earned a median annual wage of \$97,550, according to a BLS Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics news release.

Below are the [median annual wages](#) for 42 occupations across the hospital workforce, listed in ascending order. The list is not exhaustive.

Editor's note: Figures reflect median annual wages across all industries per BLS May 2025 data. All occupations are found in hospital and healthcare settings, though some — such as security guards, housekeeping cleaners and cooks — also work in other industries.

1. Maids and housekeeping cleaners: \$35,510
2. Cooks, institution and cafeteria: \$37,450
3. Orderlies: \$38,290
4. Security guards: \$38,020
5. Nursing assistants: \$40,000

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5. Nursing assistants: \$42,260
6. Emergency medical technicians: \$44,470
7. Phlebotomists: \$45,230
8. Pharmacy technicians: \$45,750
9. Medical assistants: \$45,690
10. Medical records specialists: \$51,140
11. Paramedics: \$60,600
12. Chaplains: \$60,810
13. Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians: \$62,930
14. Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses: \$64,400
15. Surgical technologists: \$64,650
16. Healthcare social workers: \$67,880
17. Health information technologists and medical registrars: \$68,020
18. Dietitians and nutritionists: \$76,400
19. Radiologic technologists and technicians: \$80,110
20. Respiratory therapists: \$82,280
21. Diagnostic medical sonographers: \$96,590
22. Registered nurses: \$97,550
23. Occupational therapists: \$100,330
24. Nuclear medicine technologists: \$101,370
25. Physical therapists: \$102,760
26. Medical and health services managers: \$123,860
27. Nurse practitioners: \$132,300
28. Physician assistants: \$135,880
29. Pharmacists: \$140,910
30. Pediatricians, general: \$210,040
31. Nurse anesthetists: \$236,590
32. Family medicine physicians: \$244,180
33. Neurologists: \$248,560
34. General internal medicine physicians: \$256,560
35. Psychiatrists: \$281,870
36. OB-GYNs: \$292,910
37. Physicians, pathologists: \$312,400
38. Dermatologists: \$328,730
39. Emergency medicine physicians: \$335,550
40. Orthopedic surgeons, except pediatric: \$358,550
41. Anesthesiologists: \$391,490
42. Cardiologists: \$496,010

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