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Average data scientist salary by state

...and adjusted by cost of living index

This list uses the average data scientist salary by state along with a state's cost of living index in order to rank the best states to live in if you are earning a data scientist salary. Nationally, the average data scientist salary is \$130,134 and the top 5 states included Kansas, Arizona, Illinois, Texas and Wisconsin. One more thing to remember—since data scientists are currently in high demand, many even find they can work remotely for a company.

If you are interested in becoming a data scientist, I'd recommended reading about these [4 critical data science skills](#) or joining [Thinkful's](#) online data science bootcamp. Thinkful uses a combination of 1-on-1 mentorship, project-based curriculum, and career services to help you make the career transition and become a data scientist.

Rank	State	avg data science income	cost of living index	adjusted income
1	Kansas	\$139,954	90.4	\$154,816
2	Arizona	\$144,269	98.1	\$147,063
3	Illinois	\$127,642	95.5	\$133,657
4	Texas	\$120,786	90.7	\$133,171
5	Wisconsin	\$125,044	96.9	\$129,044

6	North Carolina	\$118,838	94.2	\$126,155
7	Arkansas	\$110,310	88.5	\$124,644
8	Oklahoma	\$110,040	88.6	\$124,199
9	Utah	\$113,426	92.8	\$122,226
10	Washington	\$130,635	107.1	\$121,975
11	Oregon	\$139,785	115.4	\$121,131
12	Nevada	\$126,075	104.5	\$120,646
13	Georgia	\$109,103	91.4	\$119,369
14	Virginia	\$118,349	100.2	\$118,113
15	Idaho	\$103,738	89.6	\$115,779
16	Michigan	\$101,152	88.2	\$114,685
17	Nebraska	\$103,791	91.3	\$113,681
18	Tennessee	\$100,626	89.8	\$112,056
19	Missouri	\$101,467	90.8	\$111,748
20	Pennsylvania	\$113,857	102.8	\$110,756
21	Indiana	\$97,209	87.9	\$110,590
22	Delaware	\$109,436	102.6	\$106,663
23	Ohio	\$98,387	93	\$105,792
24	Colorado	\$107,939	102.1	\$105,719
25	California	\$141,259	134.8	\$104,792
26	South Carolina	\$104,805	100.5	\$104,284
27	Florida	\$101,781	99	\$102,809

28	New York	\$138,565	135.2	\$102,489
29	New Jersey	\$119,736	121	\$98,955
30	Iowa	\$88,408	91.7	\$96,410
31	Minnesota	\$95,547	101.1	\$94,507
32	Kentucky	\$85,755	90.8	\$94,444
33	Massachusetts	\$125,378	134.7	\$93,079
34	Connecticut	\$111,696	130.7	\$85,460
35	Maryland	\$103,340	125	\$82,672
36	District of Columbia	\$119,202	149.2	\$79,894
37	Maine	\$88,840	112	\$79,321

NOTE: There were a number of states that did not have enough data science salary data to include here. This includes Alabama, Hawaii, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming, Alaska and West Virginia

Sources for data:

- 2016 cost of living index is from the Missouri Department of Economic Development
- Average data scientist salary from indeed.com

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