



THE Initiative

Best Job Location

based on cost of living, median income,
and job demand

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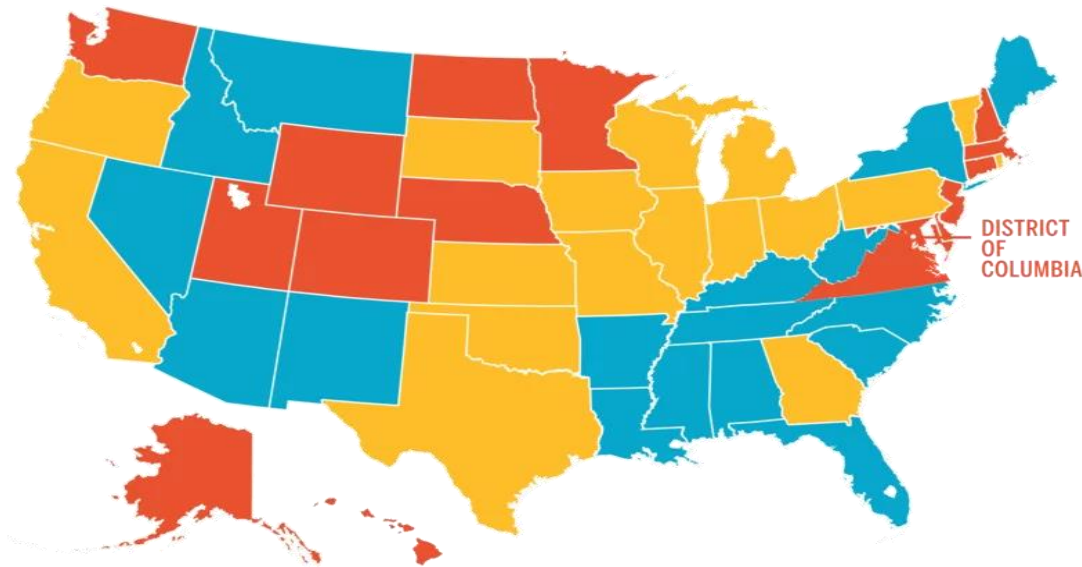
Preliminary Data

Figure 1: Highest and Lowest “Real Pay”

The Highest and Lowest 'Real' Pay, by State

For each state, MONEY took the average pay and adjusted it by purchasing power. See where your state falls.

■ Highest pay ■ Midrange pay ■ Lowest pay

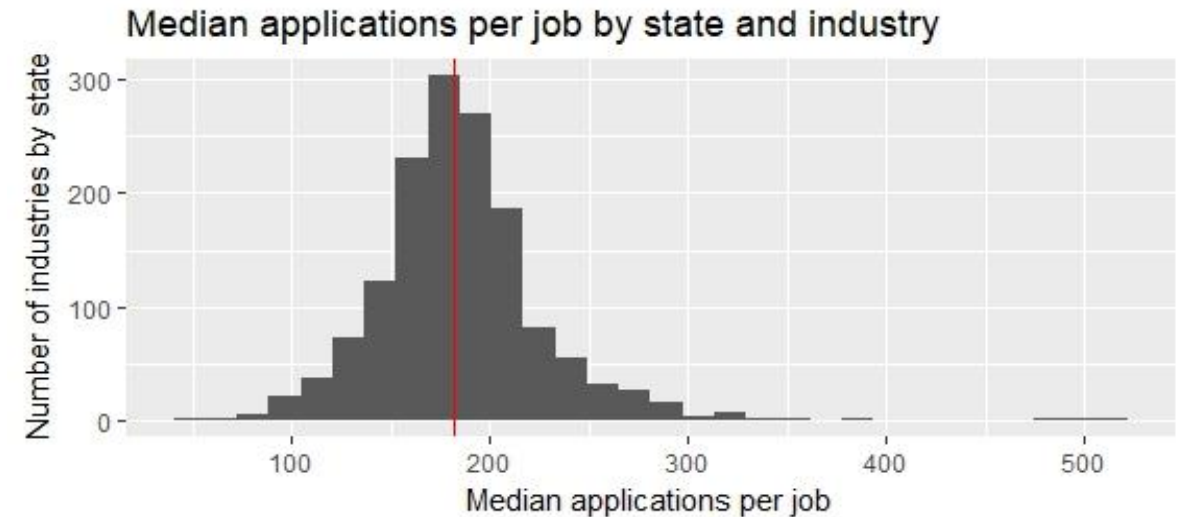


The map was created by K. Mulhere for Money.com. It separates states by color with the buying power of the state's median pay according to state's cost of living.

Citation:

<http://time.com/money/5177566/average-income-every-state-real-value/>

Figure 2: Median Applications



The histogram shows median application number per job given the state and industry.
The red line marks the median of this graph which is 180 applications per job.

Buying Power and Job Competition



Figure 3: The map compares buying power in each state and the number of jobs with low application rates. The idea is that states with the most buying power and most number of jobs will be the best place to live for job seekers, and the state with the lowest buying power and fewest low application jobs will be the worst place to live for job seekers.

* “Low application” is defined as any job with fewer than 180 applications during its lifetime.