### MIDDLE TENNESSEE **WAGE & BENEFIT INDUSTRIAL SURVEY**

**REGION 2** 

Information based on a survey of over 300 industries who employ more than 86,000 Tennesseans in the mid-state. With an email response rate of 22%, the results of this survey provide a picture of the compensation structure in the region in the summer of 2019.\*



# Average Time Off Based on 40 hour work week (typical)





Many companies have graduated vacation days that change with employee's tenure at a given company.

the study area offer sick leave

Companies commonly offer 6 to 7 days of sick leave. Many companies do not offer sick leave and instead give employees a set amount of time off for illness, vacation, and so forth.

### Insurance



offer dental

Cost sharing is a common practice among the companies

of companies surveyed indicated the cost of health insurance is shared between employer and employee (55% of companies).

Disability insurance is offered by 77%, with 33% of employers paying for this coverage, while 65% share this cost with the employee.



# Who pays?



### **EMPLOYEE ONLY** (Cost to insure)

**Employees** are expected to pay an average of:

for health insurance

for dental insurance

for vision insurance

**Employer's** share for each employee is significantly higher:

\$4.882

for health insurance

for dental insurance

for vision insurance

### THE DEPENDENTS (Cost to insure)

When dependents become part of the benefit plan, individual cost for health insurance increases to \$6,064, dental increases to \$808, and vision increases to \$213. Similarly, the cost to employers of insuring dependents increases significantly for health (\$10,859), dental (\$748), and vision (\$338).

## **Retirement & Other Benefits**



RETIREMENT

of companies offer defined contribution plans

offer profit

sharing

offer traditional pension plans of companies offer employee stock ownership

**28%** offer career development opportunities **36%** offer tuition payment

61% offer other forms of incentives and bonuses

These incentives and bonuses include safety, production, and sales performance bonuses, discretionary bonuses, attendance bonuses, holiday bonuses, and other.

Overall, total employee benefits equal 30% of wages and salaries.

# Select **Occupation Details**

TITLE	Educational Requirement	Licensing Requirement	(I=Easy; 10= Difficult)	(Hourly) Average (Mean)	(by Job) Average (Mean)
Chief Executives	Master/Bachelor	No	6	\$56.00	\$125,273
General and Operations Managers	Bachelor	No	5	\$36.60	\$109,374
Marketing Managers	Bachelor	No	5	N/A	\$107,467
Sales Managers	Bachelor	No	5	N/A	\$102,849
Administrative Services Managers	Associate	No	5	N/A	\$112,125
Facilities Managers	Bachelor	No	5	N/A	\$96,825
Purchasing Managers	HS / Assoc	No	2	N/A	\$45,370
Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	High School	No	5	N/A	\$39,458
Human Resources Managers	Bachelor	Varies	5	\$28.68	\$55,409
Buyers and Purchasing Agents	High School	No	4	\$15.50	\$37,636
Accountants	Bachelor	Varies	6	\$20.88	\$51,288
Industrial Engineers, Including Health and Safety	Bachelor	Varies	7	\$29.76	\$71,379
Quality Control Analysts	Bachelor	Varies	5	N/A	\$71,895
Sales and Related , All Other	Bachelor	No	6	N/A	\$85,126
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	High School	No	5	\$16.25	\$37,024
Customer Service Representatives	High School	No	5	\$14.75	\$33,107
Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks	High School	No	5	\$14.23	\$30,980
Industrial Machinery Installation, Repair, & Maintenance	High School	No	6	N/A	\$48,100
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	High School	No	6	\$17.61	\$45,579
Supervisors of Productionand Operating Workers	High School	Varies	5	\$21.94	\$51,094
Assemblers and Fabricators	High School	No	4	\$12.69	\$27,954
Forming Machine Setters, Operators, & Tenders, Metal & Plastic	High School	No	5	N/A	\$34,766
Machinists	High School	Yes	5	\$16.45	\$41,002
Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Workers	High School	Varies	5	\$14.27	\$38,102
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	High School	No	5	\$14.40	\$38,125
Production Workers, All Other	High School	No	4	\$14.24	\$31,778
Laborers and Material Movers	High School	No	5	\$12.86	\$32,690

A Regional Economic Development Partnership Project

USDA, Rural Development Middle TN Industrial Development Association Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce **Greater Nashville Regional Council** Upper Cumberland Development District South Central Tennessee Development District **Tennessee Central Economic Authority** The Highlands Economic Partnership Tennessee Dept of Labor & Workforce Development Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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Annualized

Wages

Weighted

(by Job)

Difficulty

of Filling

(1=Easy;

Typical

Typical

**Entry Level** 

Wage

(Hourly)



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