

2012 State Legislator Compensation and Living Expense Allowances during Session

State	Base Salary (annual or daily rate)	Session Per Diem Rate
Alabama	\$10/day (C)	\$4,308/month plus \$50/day for three days during each week that the legislature actually meets during any session (U). Effective April 1, 2012
Alaska	\$50,400/year	\$238 or \$253 /day (depending on the time of year) tied to federal rate. Legislators who reside in the Capitol area receive 75% of the federal rate.
Arizona	\$24,000/year	\$35/day for the 1st 120 days of regular session and for special session and \$10/day thereafter. Members residing outside Maricopa County receive an additional \$25/day for the 1st 120 days of reg. session and for special session and an additional \$10/day thereafter (V). Set by statute.
Arkansas	\$15,869 /year	\$136/day (V) plus mileage tied to federal rate.
California	\$95,291/year	\$141.86/day for each day they are in session.
Colorado	\$30,000/year	\$45/day for members living in the Denver metro area. \$150/day for members living outside Denver. Effective 7/1/12 non-metro per diem will be 85% of federal per diem for Denver.
Connecticut	\$28,000/year	No per diem is paid.
Delaware	\$42,750/year	\$7,334 expense allowance annually.
Florida	\$29,687/year	\$131/day earned based on the number of days in session. Travel vouchers are filed to substantiate.
Georgia	\$17,342/year	\$173/day (U) set by the Legislative Services Committee.
Hawaii	\$46,272.60/year	\$150/day for members living outside Oahu during session; \$10/day for members living on Oahu during the interim while conducting official legislative business.
Idaho	\$16,116/year	\$122/day for members establishing second residence in Boise; \$49/day if no second residence is established and up to \$25/day travel (V) set by Compensation Commission.
Illinois	\$67,836/year Members are mandatorily required to forfeit one day of compensation per month	\$111/per session day
Indiana	\$22,616.46/year	\$152/day (U) tied to federal rate.
Iowa	\$25,000/year	\$135/day (U). \$101.25/day for Polk County legislators (U) set by the legislature to coincide with federal rate. State mileage rates apply.
Kansas	\$88.66(C)	\$123/day (U) tied to federal rate.
Kentucky	\$188.22day (C)	\$135.30/day (U) tied to federal rate (110% Federal per diem rate).

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Louisiana	\$16,800/year + additional \$6,000/yr (U) expense allowance.	\$149/day (U) tied to federal rate (26 U.S.C. Section 162(h)(1)(B)(ii))
Maine	\$13,852/year for first regular session; \$9,661/year for second regular session.	\$38/day housing, or mileage and tolls in lieu of housing (at rate of \$0.44/mile up to \$38/day) plus \$32/day for meals. Per diem limits are set by statute.
Maryland	\$43,500/year	Lodging \$101/day; meals \$42/day (tied to federal rate and compensation commission). Out of state travel per diem is \$225/day for meals and lodging.
Massachusetts	\$61,133/year	From \$10/day-\$100/day, depending on distance from State House (V) set by the legislature.
Michigan	\$71,685/year	\$10,800 yearly expense allowance for session and interim (V) set by compensation commission.
Minnesota	\$31,140.90/year	Senators receive \$96/day and Representatives receive \$66/legislative day set by the legislature.
Mississippi	\$10,000/year	\$109/day (U) tied to federal rate.
Missouri	\$35,915/year	\$104.00/day (U) tied to federal rate. Verification of per diem is by roll call.
Montana	\$82.64/day (L)	105.31/day (U).
Nebraska	\$12,000/year	\$123/day outside 50-mile radius from Capitol; \$46/day if member resides within 50 miles of Capitol (V) tied to federal rate.
Nevada	\$146.29/day maximum of 60 days of session.	Federal rate for Capitol area (U). Legislators who live more than 50 miles from the capitol, if require lodging, will be paid Hud single-room rate for Carson City area for each month of session.
New Hampshire	\$200/two-year term	No per diem is paid.
New Jersey	\$49,000/year	No per diem is paid.
New Mexico	None	\$154/day (V) tied to federal rate & the constitution.
New York	\$79,500/year	\$171/per full day and \$61/per half day.
North Carolina	\$13,951/year	\$104/day (U) set by statute. \$559.00/month expense allowance.
North Dakota	\$152/day during legislative sessions (C) and \$152/day for attending interim committee meetings	Lodging reimbursement up to 30 times 65 percent of the daily lodging rate (\$1,351 per month as of 8/1/2011 (V).

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Ohio	\$60,583.70/year	No per diem is paid.
Oklahoma	\$38,400/year	\$147/day (U) tied to federal rate.
Oregon	\$21,936/year	\$123/day (U) tied to federal rate
Pennsylvania	\$82,026/year	\$159/day (V) tied to federal rate. Can receive actual expenses or per diem.
Rhode Island	\$14,185.95/year	No per diem is paid.
South Carolina	\$10,400/year	\$131/day for meals and housing for each statewide session day and committee meeting tied to federal rate.
South Dakota	\$12,000/two-year term	\$110/legislative day (U) set by the legislature.
Tennessee	\$19,009	\$173/legislative day (U) tied to federal rate.
Texas	\$7,200/year	\$150/day (U) set by Ethics Commission.
Utah	\$117/day (C)	\$96/day (U) lodging allotment for each calendar day, tied to federal rate, \$61/day meals (U).
Vermont	\$604.79/week during session \$112 per day for special sessions or interim committee meetings	Federal per diem rate for Montpelier is \$101/day for lodging and \$61/day for meals for non-commuters; commuters receive \$61/day for meals plus mileage.
Virginia	\$18,000/year Senate, \$17,640/year House	House - \$135/day (U) tied to federal rate. Senate \$178 (U) tied to federal rate.
Washington	\$42,106/year	\$90/day
West Virginia	\$20,000/year	\$131/day during session (U) set by compensation commission.
Wisconsin	\$49,943/year	\$88/day maximum (U) set by compensation commission (90% of federal rate). Per diem authorized under 13.123 (1), Wis. Statutes, and Leg. Joint Rule 85. 20.916(8) State Statutes and Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER) establishes the max. amount according to the recommendations of the Director of the Office of State Employment Relations. The leadership of each house then determines, within that maximum, what amount to authorize for the session.
Wyoming	\$150/day during session. Members other than leadership receive \$300/mo when not in session	\$109/day (V) set by the legislature, includes travel days for those outside of Cheyenne.

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures 2012