UNCOVERING EARNINGS AND EDUCATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Environmental Health Association, and Baylor University have partnered on the Understanding the Needs, Challenges, Opportunities, Vision, and Emerging Roles in Environmental Health (UNCOVER EH) initiative. UNCOVER EH collected information from more than 1,700 environmental health professionals in health departments across the nation. UNCOVER EH seeks to assess and improve the profession and practice of environmental health. Learn more at www.neha.org/uncover-eh.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH WORKFORCE SALARIES

The environmental health workforce is an educated workforce with a median salary range directly proportional to the degree of higher education. Professionals with a doctorate make the highest median salary. Environmental health professionals with a bachelor’s degree at the local level are compensated more than professionals at the state level with the same degree. They also make the same as those at the state level with a master's degree.

Field Staff:
- $35K–$45K
- $45K–$55K

Supervisor:
- $45K–$55K
- $55K–$65K

Director:
- $65K–$75K
- $75K–$85K

Locale and Median Salary

Directors at the local level are compensated with higher median salaries for areas that have a population size of 500,000 and more. Supervisors at the top two tiers of population size served are compensated at the same median salary range. This also applies to field staff albeit at lower median salary ranges.