

## American Entertainers

The entertainment industry is often called 'show business' and is made up of performances in theatre, comedy, and music. Show business has grown and expanded to include many areas of entertainment such as movies, concerts, television, and music. Workers in the entertainment industry help make us laugh, have fun, and enjoy ourselves. The industry contributes roughly \$632 billion to the economy! That's a large amount of money! The entertainers themselves typically make a lot of money. Below is a list of ranges:

Television Actors range from \$30,000-\$900,000 per episode.

Television Writers range from \$5,000-\$15,000 per episode.

Television Hosts make around \$3 million to \$15 million per season.

Movie Stars (with well-known names) average about \$12-\$20 million per movie.

Top musicians make between \$75 million and \$130 million

Not all entertainers make a ton of money. Individuals who are not as well-known make average wages just like workers in other industries. Some people think American entertainers make too much money and others do not think so. Here are a few reasons why:

### Yes, they are overpaid:

- They don't work harder than other people.
- They have inflated salaries, meaning that they are higher than the average person.

### No, they are not overpaid:

- They have received special training and spend a lot of time away from family.
- Americans like to be entertained.

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## What do you think? Do they make too much money?

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