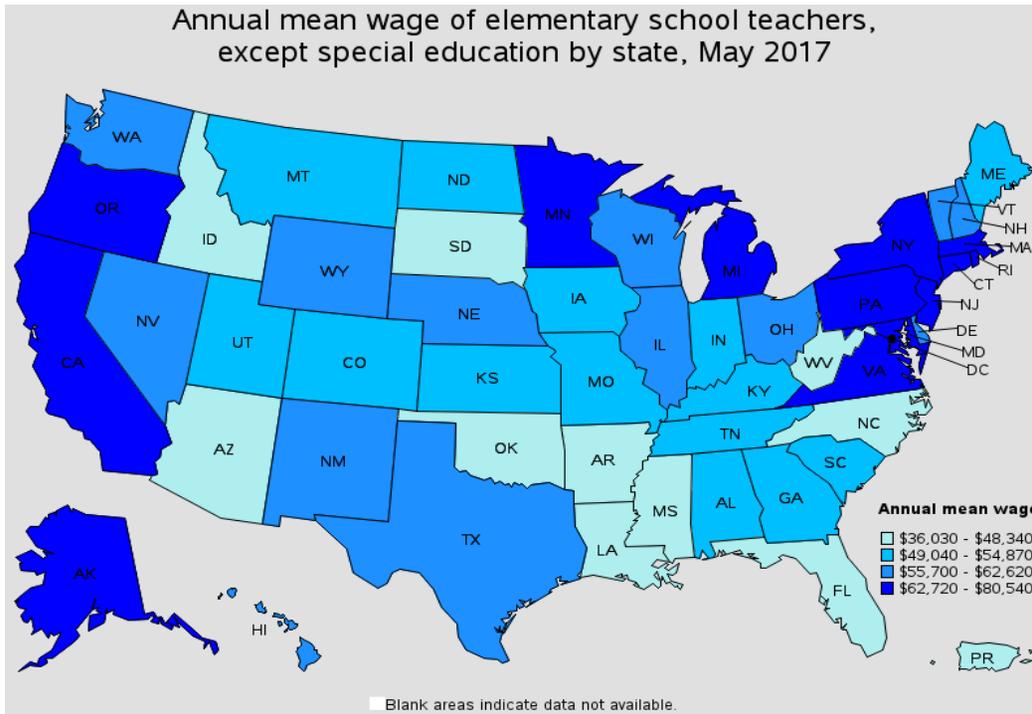


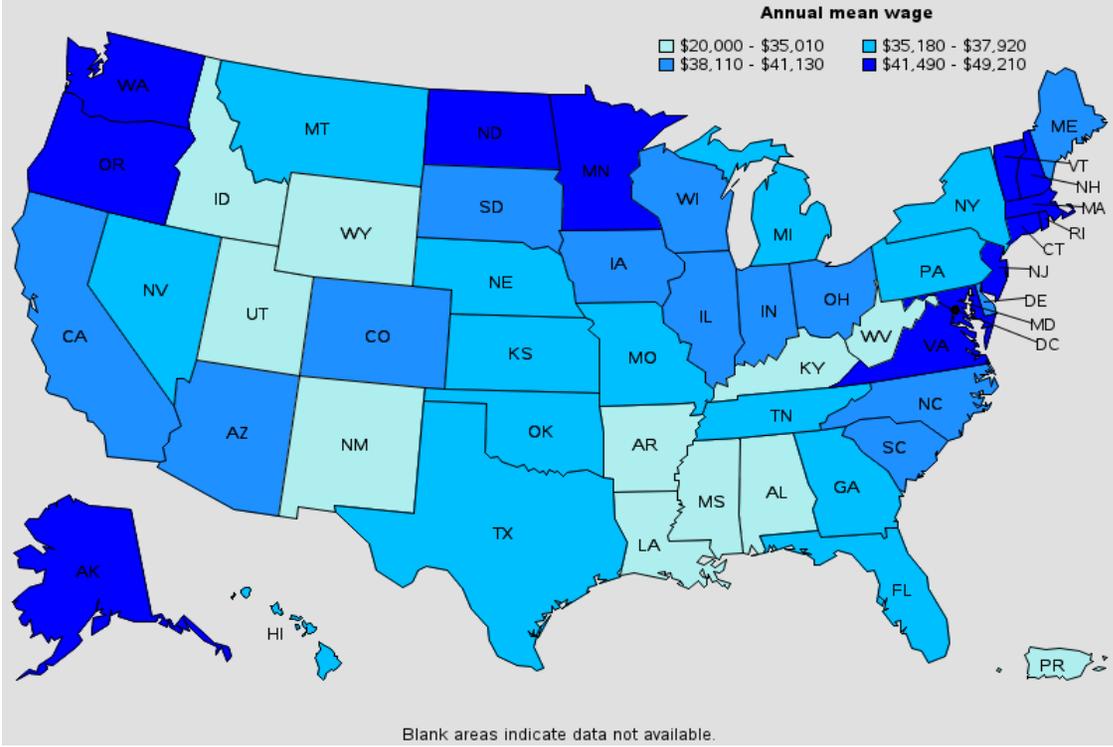
## Incomes Across the United States

Below are a few different occupations along with yearly wages in different states. Use this information for your investigation to help answer the questions that follow.



<b>Elementary School Teachers</b>	
State	Annual Mean Wage
New York	\$80,540
California	\$77,990
Connecticut	\$77,030
Alaska	\$77,030
District of Columbia	\$76,950

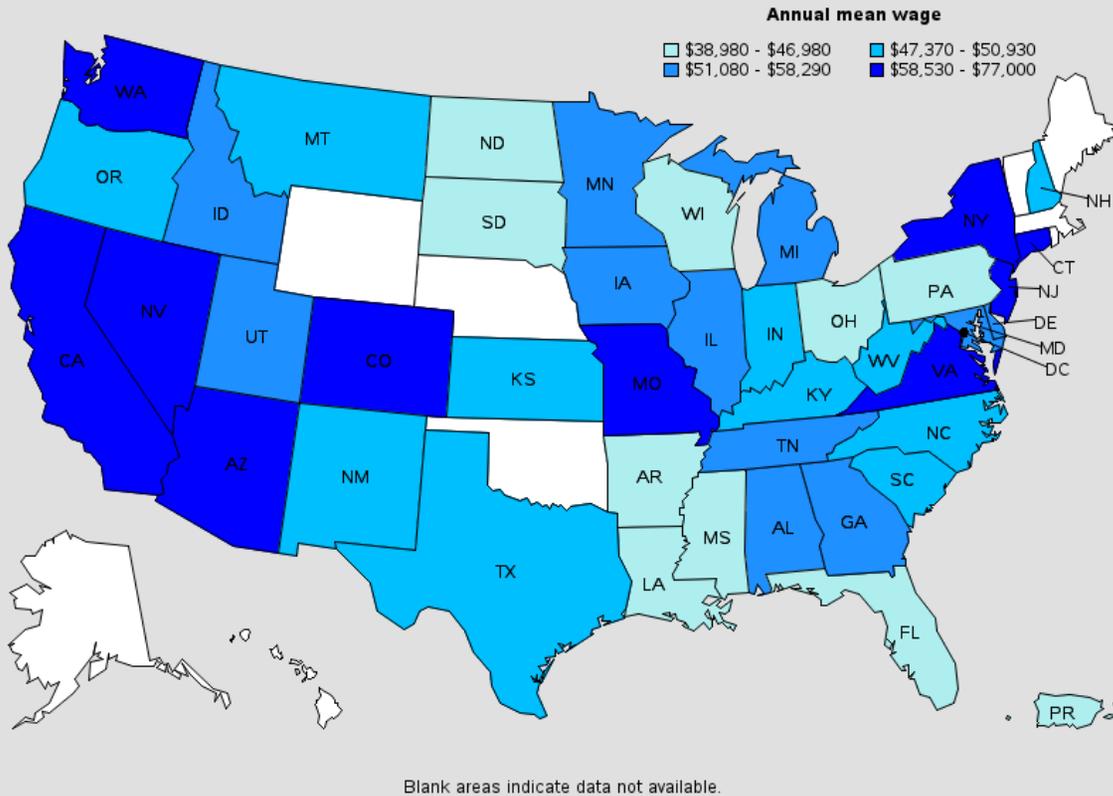
Annual mean wage of dental assistants, by state, May 2017



Dental Assistants	
State	Annual Mean Wage
District of Columbia	\$49,210
Minnesota	\$48,770
New Hampshire	\$47,170
Alaska	\$45,900
North Dakota	\$45,600

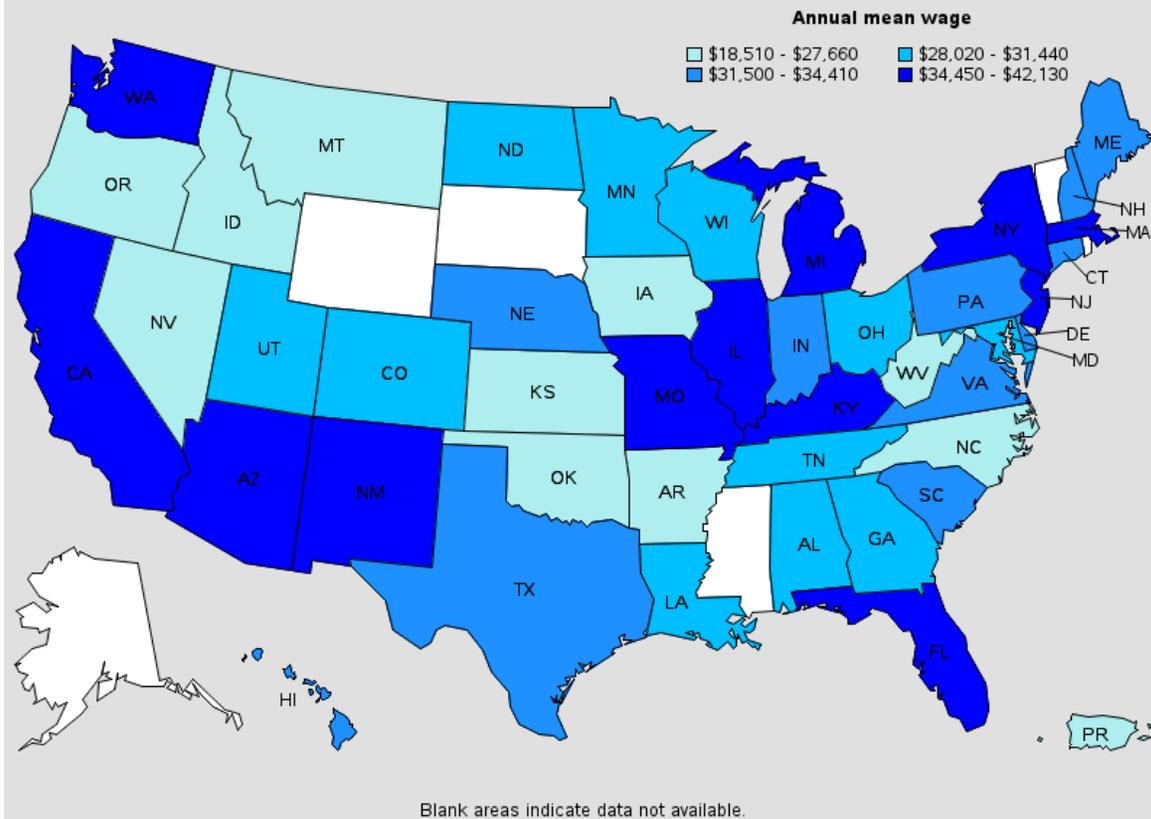
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### Annual mean wage of private detectives and investigators, by state, May 2017



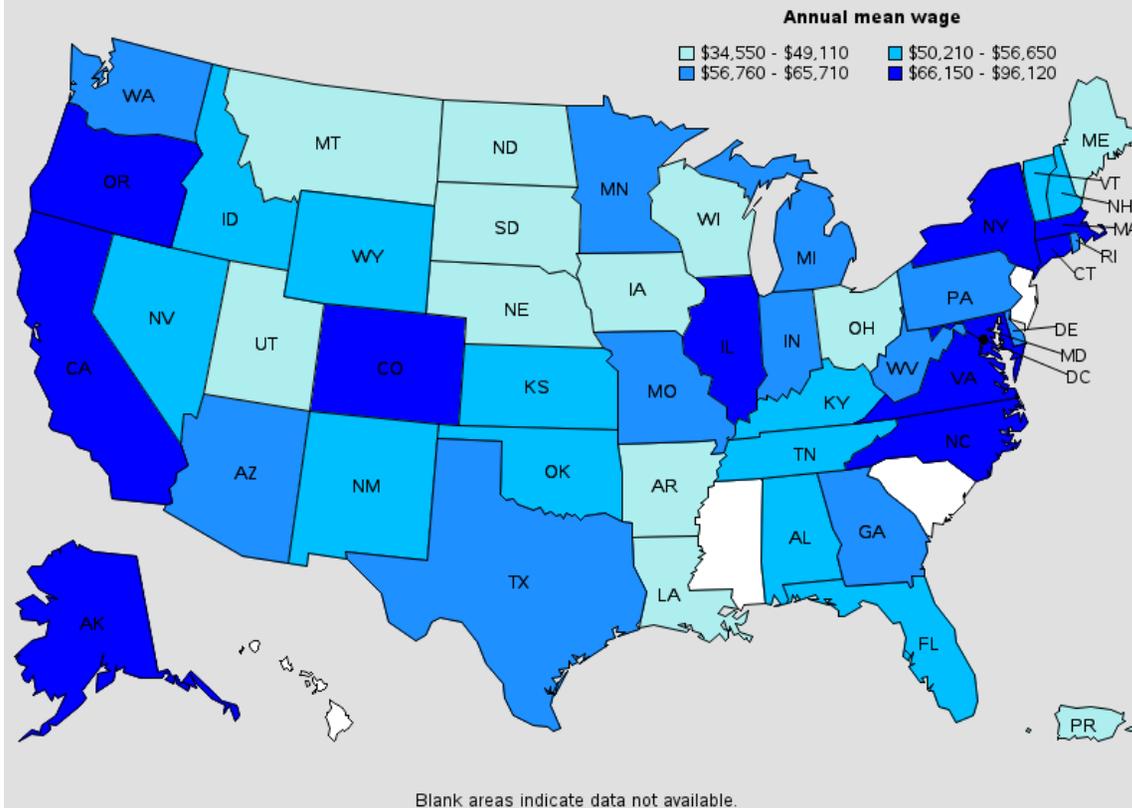
Private Investigators & Detectives	
State	Annual Mean Wage
District of Columbia	\$77,000
Virginia	\$70,580
California	\$67,300
New Jersey	\$67,130
Washington	\$63,990

## Annual mean wage of animal trainers, by state, May 2017



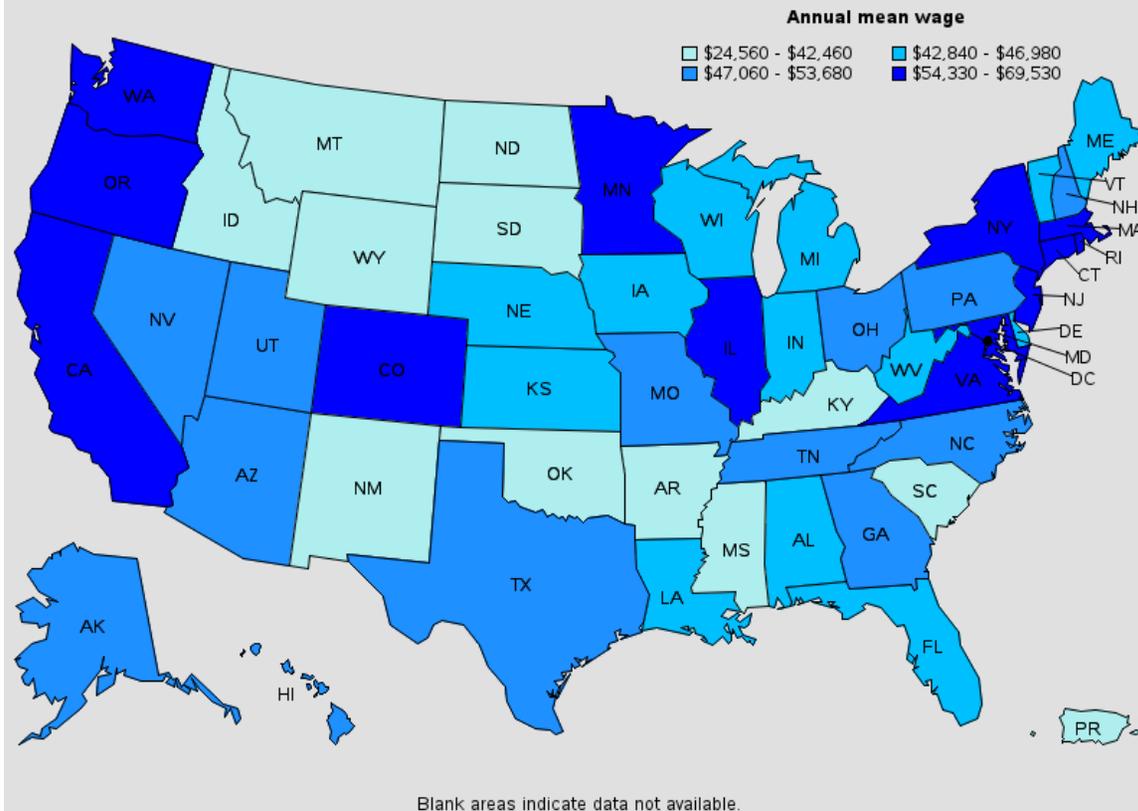
Animal Trainers	
State	Annual Mean Wage
Kentucky	\$42,130
Arizona	\$40,790
Washington	\$40,280
California	\$39,700
Illinois	\$38,860

## Annual mean wage of writers and authors, by state, May 2017



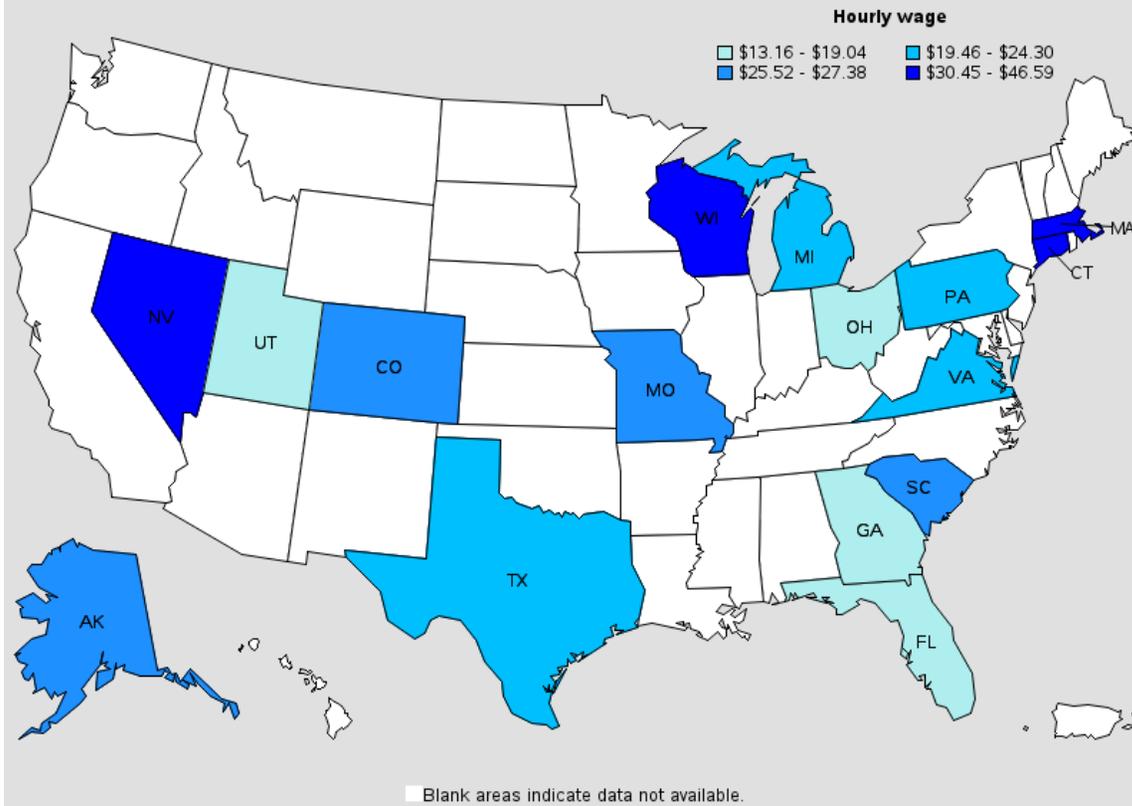
Writers and Authors	
State	Annual Mean Wage
California	\$96,120
District of Columbia	\$95,190
New York	\$85,640
Maryland	\$79,460
Alaska	\$75,410

## Annual mean wage of graphic designers, by state, May 2017



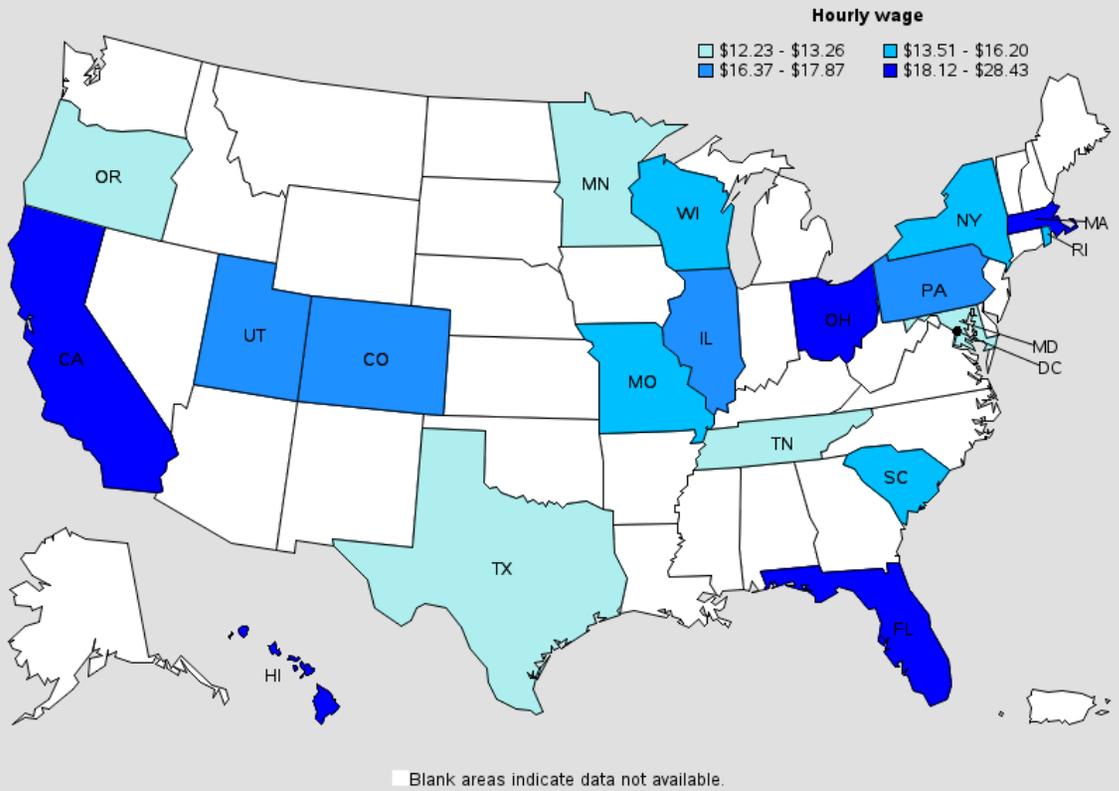
State	Annual Mean Wage
District of Columbia	\$69,530
New York	\$64,820
Massachusetts	\$61,400
Connecticut	\$60,250
Virginia	\$59,550

### Hourly wage of actors, by state, May 2017



Actors	
State	Hourly Mean Wage
Connecticut	\$46.59
Massachusetts	\$36.08
Nevada	\$31.56
Wisconsin	\$30.45
Colorado	\$27.38

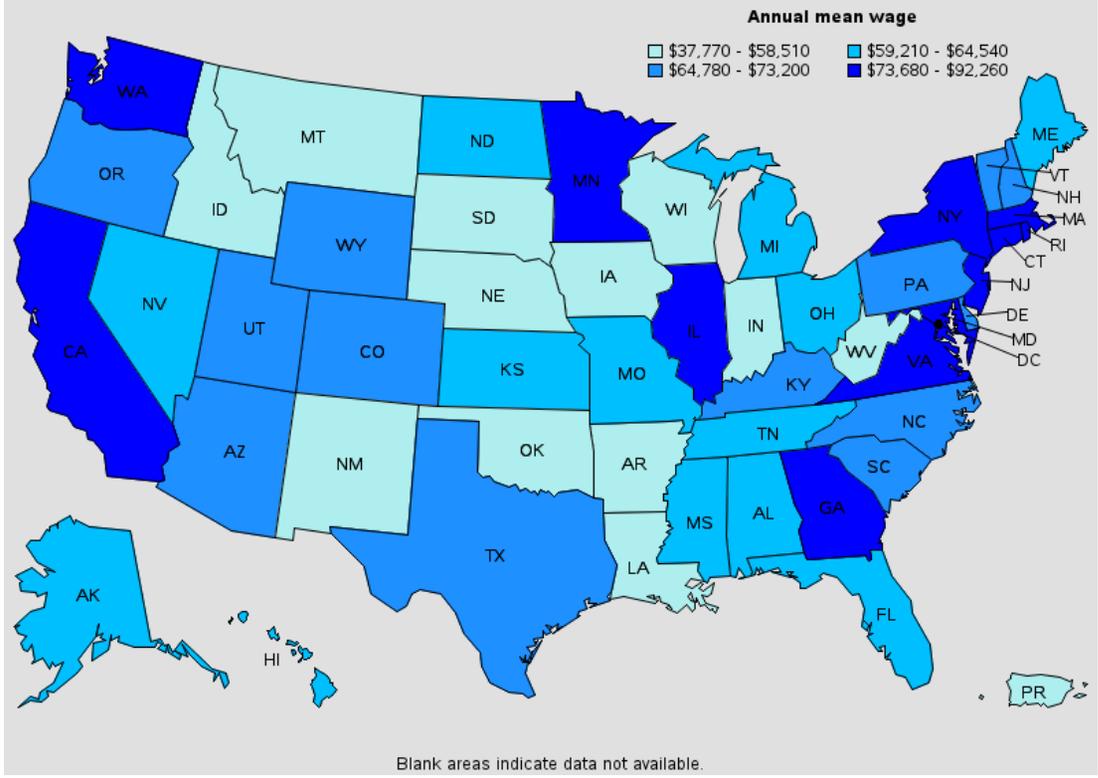
Hourly wage of dancers, by state, May 2017



Dancers	
State	Hourly Mean Wage
Massachusetts	\$28.43
Florida	\$22.67
California	\$21.32
Ohio	\$18.35
Hawaii	\$18.12

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### Annual mean wage of web developers, by state, May 2017



Web Developers	
State	Annual Wage
Washington	\$92,260
District of Columbia	\$88,660
Virginia	\$85,870
California	\$84,270
New York	\$82,360

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## Investigation

**Step 1:** Analyze the maps for each of the nine occupations.

What piece of information really stands out for you? Is there something unique or common in the charts?

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Why do you think on some of the states are left white and do not have any color on some of the charts?

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**Step 2:** There are maps and wage charts for 9 occupations. Pick one occupation for the next section of the investigation. The question to guide this part of the investigation is: ***Why do you think incomes are different across the United States?***

What supporting questions can you think of to help you answer the essential question above? Remember, you are only focusing on finding out information for the occupation you selected.

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Be sure and use a variety of resources including websites and blog posts. You should also note whether you think the information is factual (true) or someone's opinion.

Use the space below for any notes or to begin collecting your evidence.