



Top 10 state departments to work for:

My Public Finances professor once told me that in order to understand your government's priorities, you just need to look at which people or programs are getting most of the money. So I took a look at how many people are working at the state and how much they are making. Here is what I found:

Department	Number of employees	Average Salary
Office of the Inspector General	35	\$ 75,404.09
Division of Administrative Law Appeals	15	\$ 76,194.44
Office of the Secretary of Administration and Finance	43	\$ 76,220.06
Appeals Court	127	\$ 78,068.65
Supreme Judicial Court	89	\$ 79,036.16
Executive Office of Education	10	\$ 79,132.94
Office of the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development	17	\$ 79,600.63
Office of the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development	19	\$ 87,725.23
State Racing Commission	39	\$107,378.75
Military Division	368	\$181,446.45**

The Military Division was quite a surprise: it's the larger employer of the top 10, and also offers the highest average salary. When I looked even closer I also saw that 267 people are budgeted at over 200K! Bear in mind that these numbers are *budgeted salaries*, as opposed to *annual earnings*. To get a better sense of what *was* spent at the State house last year, take a look at this table.

**Pioneer received a call from the CFO's office at the Military Division. He noted that some employees are recorded as full time employees, when they only work for a couple of days in reality (National Guard soldiers are an example). Since they have a daily rate (instead of an hourly rate), their yearly salaries are mistakenly inflated. Pioneer has already communicated the error to the Comptroller's Office. We thank the Military Division for this clarification.

Department	Number of employees	Average 2008 Earnings
Office of the Comptroller	121	\$ 69,862.40
Office of the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs	263	\$ 70,245.69
Division of Administrative Law Appeals	15	\$ 71,009.37
Office of the Inspector General	35	\$ 71,940.54
Office of the Secretary of Administration and Finance	43	\$ 72,242.06
Office of the Secretary of Housing and Economic Development	17	\$ 72,354.34
Office of the Secretary of Labor and Workforce Development	19	\$ 73,429.70
Appeals Court	127	\$ 73,596.29
Supreme Judicial Court	89	\$ 75,243.63
Department of State Police	2864	\$ 90,567.07

Law enforcement jobs are definitely # 1 in the State. Look at the earnings, but also look at the amount of people the State has hired... But there is a little hope for finance people and economic development folks as well!

Finally, call me an optimist, but I find it exciting that we are paying folks in the Office of the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs so well. And that we have over 250 working there.