

## Pharmacy Technicians Occupational Employment and Wages – May 2015

Pharmacy Technicians prepare medications under the direction of a pharmacist. They may measure, mix, calculate, compound, label, and record amounts and dosages of medications according to prescription orders.

### State estimates for this occupation:

Area Name	Employment <sup>(1)</sup>	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage <sup>(2)</sup>	Wage percent relative standard error <sup>(3)</sup>
Texas	32000	15.66	32580	0.8

### Metropolitan estimates for this occupation:

Area Name	Employment <sup>(1)</sup>	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage <sup>(2)</sup>	Wage percent relative standard error <sup>(3)</sup>
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	8390	16.33	33970	1.9

### Industries with the highest levels of employment for this occupation:

Industry	Employment (1)	Percent of industry employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">Health and Personal Care Stores</a>	198,220	19.12	\$14.23	\$29,610
<a href="#">General Medical and Surgical Hospitals</a>	58,550	1.11	\$17.58	\$36,560
<a href="#">Grocery Stores</a>	28,850	1.08	\$14.07	\$29,260
<a href="#">Other General Merchandise Stores</a>	27,970	1.52	\$14.86	\$30,900
<a href="#">Department Stores</a>	12,750	0.92	\$14.48	\$30,120

### Industries with the highest concentration of employment in this occupation:

Industry	Employment (1)	Percent of industry employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">Health and Personal Care Stores</a>	198,220	19.12	\$14.23	\$29,610
<a href="#">Drugs and Druggists' Sundries Merchant Wholesalers</a>	8,550	4.28	\$16.43	\$34,180
<a href="#">Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses</a>	6,650	1.97	\$14.95	\$31,090
<a href="#">Other General Merchandise Stores</a>	27,970	1.52	\$14.86	\$30,900
<a href="#">General Medical and Surgical Hospitals</a>	58,550	1.11	\$17.58	\$36,560

### Top paying industries for this occupation:

Industry	Employment (1)	Percent of industry employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">Federal Executive Branch (OES Designation)</a>	6,120	0.31	\$20.22	\$42,060
<a href="#">Outpatient Care Centers</a>	3,920	0.53	\$19.35	\$40,250
<a href="#">Offices of Physicians</a>	6,190	0.25	\$19.12	\$39,760
<a href="#">Elementary and Secondary Schools</a>	30	(7)	\$18.80	\$39,110
<a href="#">Specialty (except Psychiatric and Substance Abuse) Hospitals</a>	2,250	0.90	\$18.78	\$39,070

### States with the highest employment level for this occupation:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">California</a>	33,010	2.13	0.77	\$19.31	\$40,170
<a href="#">Texas</a>	32,000	2.76	1.00	\$15.66	\$32,580
<a href="#">Florida</a>	26,200	3.31	1.20	\$14.27	\$29,690
<a href="#">Illinois</a>	19,160	3.27	1.19	\$14.52	\$30,210
<a href="#">New York</a>	17,720	1.97	0.72	\$15.35	\$31,920

### Metropolitan areas with the highest employment level in this occupation:

Metropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
<a href="#">New York-Jersey City-White Plains, NY-NJ Metropolitan Division</a>	12,040	1.86	0.68	\$16.08	\$33,460
<a href="#">Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Metropolitan Division</a>	11,070	3.10	1.13	\$14.56	\$30,290
<a href="#">Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale, CA Metropolitan Division</a>	8,410	2.05	0.74	\$18.73	\$38,960
<a href="#">Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX</a>	8,390	2.86	1.04	\$16.33	\$33,970
<a href="#">Phoenix-Mesa-Scottsdale, AZ</a>	6,760	3.60	1.31	\$16.04	\$33,360
<a href="#">Atlanta-Sandy Springs-Roswell, GA</a>	6,080	2.45	0.89	\$13.80	\$28,700
<a href="#">Dallas-Plano-Irving, TX Metropolitan Division</a>	5,620	2.41	0.88	\$16.01	\$33,310
<a href="#">Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL</a>	4,910	4.04	1.47	\$14.22	\$29,570
<a href="#">St. Louis, MO-IL</a>	4,850	3.67	1.33	\$14.60	\$30,380
<a href="#">Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI</a>	4,350	2.31	0.84	\$16.44	\$34,190

### Occupational employment statistics provided by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (last revision May 2015). LSCS makes no guarantee of future student employment or salary.

(1) Estimates for detailed occupations do not sum to the totals because the totals include occupations not shown separately. Estimates do not include self-employed workers.

(2) Annual wages have been calculated by multiplying the hourly mean wage by a "year-round, full-time" hours figure of 2,080 hours; for those occupations where there is not an hourly wage published, the annual wage has been directly calculated from the reported survey data.

(3) The relative standard error (RSE) is a measure of the reliability of a survey statistic. The smaller the relative standard error, the more precise the estimate.