

Member wage survey, 2016

Once a year, we anonymously poll all members listed as having worked at union shops in the previous twelve months, asking them what they have most recently been paid. The results are a barometer of the "going rates", as opposed to the CBA minimums. For comparison purposes, all salaries are computed on a forty-hour week.

Categories	Responses	Journey minimum ⁵	2016 WAGE SURVEY			2015 WAGE SURVEY	
			Minimum	Median ³	Maximum	Median ³	Change
Writers (response: 9%) ^{1,4}							
Staff story editors ⁴		—	\$1,800.00	\$3,075.00	\$4,150.00	\$2,706.25	\$368.75
Staff writers (feature)		\$1,833.60	\$1,000.00	\$3,100.00	\$8,125.00	\$3,157.89	-\$57.89
Staff writers (TV, etc.)		\$1,833.60	\$1,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$3,750.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00
<u>UNIT RATES</u>							
Features:							
Scripts	10	\$9,467.29	\$10,000.00	\$27,500.00	\$200,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$17,500.00
22 minute:							
Scripts	10	\$6,293.52	\$4,500.00	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
Outline	1	\$1,790.93	\$1,690.00	\$1,690.00	\$1,690.00	\$1,305.06	\$384.95
Pilot	4	\$8,084.45	\$4,165.40	\$7,000.00	\$8,058.54	\$7,500.00	-\$500.00
11 Minute							
Scripts	12	\$3,283.63	\$1,000.00	\$4,105.21	\$27,000.00	\$4,044.08	\$61.13
Producers (response: 2%) ^{1,4}		—	\$1,875.00	\$3,368.42	\$11,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$618.42
Directors/Timers (response: 12%) ^{1,4}							
Directors (features, D-T-V) ⁴		\$2,108.80	\$1,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$6,610.58	\$2,743.75	\$756.25
Directors (TV, etc.)		\$2,108.80	\$1,390.63	\$2,406.25	\$9,610.25	\$2,414.06	-\$7.81
Timing Directors		\$2,054.80	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,865.00	\$2,075.00	-\$75.00
Assistant Directors		\$1,723.20	\$1,312.50	\$1,963.64	\$2,653.06	\$1,793.75	\$169.89
<u>UNIT RATES:</u>							
Animation Directing, per foot	24	\$3.35	\$3.25	\$3.25	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$0.25
Story Art (response: 27%) ^{1,4}							
Story Artists (features, D-T-V)		\$1,833.60	\$1,000.00	\$2,236.84	\$3,875.00	\$2,227.27	\$9.57
Production Board (TV, etc.)		\$2,108.80	\$1,238.40	\$2,047.20	\$3,605.00	\$2,000.00	\$47.20
Story Artist/Writer		—	\$1,973.60	\$2,500.00	\$3,390.00	\$2,050.00	\$450.00
Revisionists		\$1,569.20	\$950.00	\$1,570.00	\$2,047.20	\$1,600.00	-\$30.00
<u>UNIT RATES⁴:</u>							
2 Minute Song Sequence	2	—	\$2,100.00	\$19,050.00	\$36,000.00	\$6,000.00	
11 min boards, per page		—				\$600.00	-\$600.00
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Half hour boards, per page	8	—	\$300.00	\$600.00	\$700.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
Layout/Background (response: 18%) ^{1,4}							
Character Layout		\$1,833.60	\$1,054.55	\$1,900.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,900.00	\$0.00
Rough Layout		\$1,833.60	\$1,600.00	\$2,071.05	\$2,484.21	\$2,250.00	-\$178.95
Final Layout		\$1,833.60	\$1,529.20	\$2,008.18	\$3,461.54	\$1,923.07	\$85.11
Previs Artists		—	\$1,936.00	\$2,168.41	\$2,526.32	\$2,273.68	-\$105.27
Background Layout/Design		\$1,833.60	\$1,000.00	\$1,950.00	\$2,793.66	\$1,961.00	-\$11.00
Background Painters		\$1,833.60	\$1,300.80	\$1,950.00	\$2,400.00	\$1,900.00	\$50.00
<u>UNIT RATES⁴:</u>							
BG Design - Per piece	8	—	\$44.50	\$100.00	\$2,000.00	\$400.00	
Design/Color (response: 11%) ^{1,4}							
Art Directors		\$2,108.80	\$1,243.75	\$2,210.90	\$3,570.00	\$2,312.50	-\$101.60
Visual Development		\$1,833.60	\$1,424.00	\$2,047.60	\$3,700.00	\$1,981.82	\$65.78
Model Designers		\$1,833.60	\$1,560.00	\$1,806.80	\$2,025.00	\$1,740.00	\$66.80
Prop Designers		\$1,833.60	\$1,300.00	\$1,875.00	\$2,400.00	\$1,775.00	\$100.00
Assistants/Clean-Up		\$1,569.20	\$1,368.95	\$1,650.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,500.00	\$150.00
Color Key/Color Stylists		\$1,569.20	\$1,100.00	\$1,606.00	\$2,240.00	\$1,671.05	-\$65.05
Look Development		\$1,833.60	\$1,400.00	\$2,066.69	\$2,646.40	\$2,065.55	\$1.14
Production Designer		—	\$2,220.63	\$2,856.25	\$4,181.82	\$2,235.31	\$620.94
<u>UNIT RATES⁴:</u>							
Prop/Model Design - Per piece	1	—	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$150.00	
Tech Directors/Compositors (response: 11%) ^{1,4}							
Tech Directors (TD 1)		\$1,833.60	\$1,200.00	\$1,780.08	\$3,203.50	\$1,932.63	-\$152.55
Character TDs (TD 1)		\$1,833.60	\$1,270.00	\$1,961.53	\$3,472.00	\$1,912.73	\$48.80
Effects TDs (TD 1)		\$1,833.60	\$1,182.32	\$2,200.00	\$2,736.84	\$2,140.00	\$60.00
Crowds/Massive (TD 1)		\$1,833.60	\$1,628.00	\$1,987.90	\$2,500.00	\$1,628.00	\$359.90
Lighters (TD 1)		\$1,833.60	\$1,040.00	\$2,021.05	\$4,769.23	\$2,021.76	-\$0.71
Surface/Texture Artist (TD 1)		\$1,833.60	\$1,235.00	\$1,845.42	\$2,222.40	\$1,667.11	\$178.32
3D Compositors		\$1,640.80	\$1,240.00	\$1,884.60	\$2,600.00	\$1,700.00	\$184.60
2D Compositors		\$1,303.60	\$1,523.60	\$1,925.58	\$2,206.00	\$1,700.00	\$225.58
Animation et al. (response: 9%) ^{1,4}							
3D Animators		\$1,833.60	\$1,050.00	\$2,060.00	\$4,346.00	\$2,021.05	\$38.95
3D Modelers		\$1,833.60	\$1,100.00	\$1,826.92	\$2,500.00	\$1,675.00	\$151.92
2D Animators		\$1,833.60	\$1,195.79	\$1,570.00	\$2,987.00	\$1,483.64	\$86.36
Effects Animators		\$1,833.60	\$1,498.95	\$2,147.36	\$4,300.00	\$2,054.49	\$92.87
Animation Checking		\$1,569.20	\$1,389.47	\$1,547.10	\$1,858.27	\$1,626.88	-\$79.78

TOTAL RETURNS: 33% (1,518 returned and tallied out of 4,650 sent (2015: 30%))

1 Percentage reflects the total number of responses for the category against the total responses for the survey

2 Many of the minimums are for persons working at non-union shops, or at less than journey level.

3 The median average is the middle rate when the results are listed from lowest to highest. These numbers should be viewed in the context of the minimums and maximums specified, and the rate of response.

4 Not all persons working in this category are under the Guild's jurisdiction.

5 Minimums shown are from the second period of the 2015-2018 CBA.