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## Background and Objectives

This survey was designed to gather information regarding the demographics, job responsibilities and compensation and benefits of regulated members of the Alberta Professional Planners Institute (APPI). It replicates a previous survey that was conducted in the spring of 2015.

Subject areas and question topics included:

## Demographics and Current Employment

- Gender and age, education, professional status
- Employment status and employer type
- Years of experience and area(s) of specialization
- Position in the organization and number of reports
- Job satisfaction and incidence of seeking another job


## Current Compensation

- Satisfaction with current compensation
- Anticipated salary increase
- Compensation for overtime hours


## Benefits

- Benefits partially paid or completely paid by employer
- Vacation time


## Method

An email invitation to participate in this survey was sent to 920 regulated members of APPI. Contained within the email was a link to an online survey. The fieldwork for this survey ran from April $10^{\text {th }}$ to May $8^{\text {th }}, 2017$.

In total, we had 353 fully completed surveys. This represents a response rate of $38 \%$. In our experience, a response of the magnitude is somewhat above average.

## Margin of Error

With a total sample of 353 , the margin of error is plus or minus 5.4 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level. If, for example, $50 \%$ of the respondents report achieving a certain level of education, then we can be reasonably sure (19 times out of 20) of an accuracy within +/-5.4\%. This means that a total census of all regulated members would reveal an answer of not less than $44.6 \%$ and not more than $55.4 \%$.

## Definitions: Mean, Median and Percentiles

Throughout this report are tables that use the terms "mean", "median" and "percentiles". The mean is simply the arithmetic average of a set of numbers. We use average and mean interchangeably. It is the sum of all values divided by the number of items in the list.

While the mean is an extremely useful statistic, it can be dramatically affected by extreme values in the dataset e.g. a very high reported salary. For this reason, the median, is often used. The median is the "middle" value and is unaffected by extreme values. When the data are arranged in order of magnitude, half of the data will be smaller than the median and half will be larger. Unless otherwise stated, we quote the median in this report.

Tables in this report also use the terms $25^{\text {th }}$ percentile ( $25^{\text {th }} \mathrm{P}$ ) and $75^{\text {th }}$ percentile ( $75^{\text {th }} \mathrm{P}$ ). If we rank order all salaries from the lowest salary to the highest salary, $25 \%$ of the reported salaries will fall below the $25^{\text {th }}$ percentile and $75 \%$ of the salaries will fall below the $75^{\text {th }}$ percentile.

## Explanation of Tables Used in this Report

Here is an example of a table from the report. It provides information on total sample and shows the annual base compensation by females and males. For example, we see that the median salary for the total sample is $\$ 102,840$. Females make up $48 \%$ of membership and their reported median annual base salary is $\$ 100,00$. Males make up $51 \%$ of the sample and their median annual base salary is $\$ 106,000$.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 353 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Female | 170 | 48 | \$100,000 | \$98,334 | \$80,756 | \$113,750 | 176 | 43 | \$90,750 | \$92,997 |
| Male | 181 | 51 | \$106,000 | \$113,236 | \$89,500 | \$130,000 | 222 | 55 | \$98,104 | \$106,687 |
| Not stated | 2 | 1 | \$90,000 | \$90,000 | \$76,000 | \$104,000 | 7 | 2 | \$116,000 | \$111,571 |

n Column - In this column you will find the raw numbers that percentages are based on. For example, 353 respondents completed the survey. The number of females completing the survey was 170 and the number of males was 181.
\% Column - This column gives the percentage breakdown of the responses. The total sample ( $100 \%$ ) is comprised of $48 \%$ females, $51 \%$ males and $1 \%$ not stated.
Median Column - As mentioned above, unless otherwise noted salaries quoted in this report are medians. This is a more reliable statistic than is the mean or average salary as it is not affected by extreme values. The overall median annual salary for our sample is $\$ 102,840$.
Mean Column - This column provides the mean or average salary. The overall average annual base salary of our sample is $\$ 105,896$
$25^{\text {th }} \mathbf{P}$ Column and $75^{\text {th }} \mathbf{P}$ Column - These two columns provide additional salary information. The annual base salary of $\$ 85,000$ sits at the $25^{\text {th }}$ percentile. The annual base salary of $\$ 120,000$ is at the $75^{\text {th }}$ percentile.

2015 Columns - These columns provide key statistics from the earlier survey. We note that median salaries have risen from $\$ 95,000$ to $\$ 102,840$.

## The Report

This report contains four sections plus an appendix. The four sections are:

1. About You
2. About Your Compensation
3. About Your Work Week
4. Your Benefits
5. Information Related Specifically to Self-Employed and Owner-Principal Respondents

Each section contains charts, tables and a write-up of the key findings.

## 1. About You

### 1.1 Gender and Compensation

## Your gender...?



This year's sample is comprised of $51 \%$ males and $48 \%$ females with $1 \%$ not stated.

The table below provides a breakdown of the annual salary for the total sample, males, and females.

The median income for 2017 is $\$ 102,840$ compared to $\$ 95,000$ in 2015. Median income for males increased to $\$ 106,000$ (2017) compared to $\$ 98,104$ (2015). Median income for females increased to $\$ 100,000$ (2017) from $\$ 90,750$ (2015).

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 353 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Female | 170 | 48 | \$100,000 | \$98,334 | \$80,756 | \$113,750 | 176 | 43 | \$90,750 | \$92,997 |
| Male | 181 | 51 | \$106,000 | \$113,236 | \$89,500 | \$130,000 | 222 | 55 | \$98,104 | \$106,687 |
| Not stated | 2 | 1 | \$90,000 | \$90,000 | \$76,000 | \$104,000 | 7 | 2 | \$116,000 | \$111,571 |

### 1.2 Age and Compensation

## What is your age category?



## Age and Compensation (Cont'd)

The table below breaks out compensation by age. In general, the older the respondent the higher the median salary. The only exception is in the 51 to 55 age range. It has a slightly lower median salary than those in the 4650 group. The highest median salary is received by those in the 61 to 65 age bracket.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 353 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| 25 and under | 8 | 2 | \$64,000 | \$65,822 | \$61,625 | \$66,434 | 13 | 3 | \$70,000 | \$66,222 |
| 26 to 30 | 48 | 14 | \$80,000 | \$81,417 | \$66,500 | \$90,000 | 53 | 13 | \$75,500 | \$76,836 |
| 31 to 35 | 79 | 22 | \$92,000 | \$92,795 | \$78,800 | \$107,000 | 105 | 26 | \$91,500 | \$90,135 |
| 36 to 40 | 69 | 20 | \$105,000 | \$107,215 | \$90,797 | \$120,600 | 69 | 17 | \$98,000 | \$101,320 |
| 41 to 45 | 38 | 11 | \$111,000 | \$117,689 | \$95,250 | \$135,500 | 46 | 11 | \$106,880 | \$113,088 |
| 46 to 50 | 31 | 9 | \$118,000 | \$121,892 | \$102,000 | \$138,500 | 32 | 8 | \$105,000 | \$117,062 |
| 51 to 55 | 25 | 7 | \$116,700 | \$129,853 | \$103,000 | \$132,223 | 33 | 8 | \$110,000 | \$117,402 |
| 56 to 60 | 26 | 7 | \$121,000 | \$137,049 | \$112,000 | \$157,500 | 30 | 7 | \$122,500 | \$132,322 |
| 61 to 65 | 15 | 4 | \$124,000 | \$127,395 | \$116,000 | \$136,000 | 16 | 4 | \$106,000 | \$112,977 |
| 66 to 70 | 10 | 3 | \$102,500 | \$111,433 | \$102,000 | \$103,000 | 7 | 2 | \$96,000 | \$107,857 |
| Over 70 | 4 | 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1 | 0 | \$90,000 | \$90,000 |

### 1.3 Education and Compensation

## What is the highest level of education that you have attained related to your planning career?

> As shown in the table below, $55 \%$ of respondents have a bachelor's and master's degree compared to $41 \%$ with only a bachelor's degree. These numbers are similar to 2015 . The median salary for those with only a bachelor's $(\$ 103,000)$ was slightly higher than those who also have a master's $(\$ 101,500)$. In 2015 the salaries were virtually identical.
> We note that those with a degree involving Environmental Science/ Design/ Planning, Urban Planning/ Development/ Science, Community Design, and Planning had a lower media salary than those without. This gap increased substantially in 2017 compared to 2015 ( $\$ 9,000$ and $\$ 1,600$ respectively).

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 353 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Degree |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bachelor's | 145 | 41 | \$103,000 | \$109,218 | \$86,498 | \$120,000 | 178 | 44 | \$95,000 | \$102,310 |
| Master's | 195 | 55 | \$101,500 | \$102,220 | \$81,000 | \$117,000 | 216 | 53 | \$95,056 | \$98,889 |
| Ph. D. | 6 | 2 | \$131,000 | \$145,322 | \$118,000 | \$160,000 | 3 | 1 | \$116,157 | \$132,719 |
| Not stated | 7 | 2 | \$109,500 | \$108,959 | \$98,500 | \$117,500 | 8 | 2 | \$109,750 | \$107,938 |
| Made specific reference to Environmental Science/ Design/ Planning, Urban Planning/ Development/ Science, Community Design, Planning |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| No | 154 | 44 | \$106,500 | \$113,004 | \$90,000 | \$130,000 | 183 | 45 | \$95,648 | \$102,763 |
| Yes | 193 | 55 | \$97,500 | \$100,346 | \$80,125 | \$112,750 | 215 | 53 | \$94,000 | \$98,930 |
| Not stated | 6 | 2 | \$116,000 | \$110,151 | \$97,000 | \$118,000 | 7 | 2 | \$95,648 | \$108,214 |

### 1.3 Education and Compensation (Cont'd)

What is the highest level of education that you have attained related to your planning career? (University Name)
Those with a degree from the University of Waterloo have the highest median income ( $\$ 117,000$ ). This is a big jump from Waterloo's 2015 median of $\$ 98,500$. In 2017 the second highest median income is the U. of Alberta $(\$ 115,000)$, followed by the U. of Manitoba $(\$ 106,750)$ and the U. of Saskatchewan $(\$ 105,000)$.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 353 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| University of Calgary | 73 | 21 | \$100,000 | \$100,238 | \$80,000 | \$116,000 | 74 | 18 | \$96,500 | \$98,228 |
| Dalhousie University | 16 | 5 | \$92,500 | \$103,557 | \$86,996 | \$110,000 | 22 | 5 | \$88,000 | \$89,754 |
| McGill University | 7 | 2 | \$102,000 | \$106,286 | \$92,500 | \$116,000 | 10 | 2 | \$90,750 | \$97,650 |
| Queen's University | 18 | 5 | \$101,000 | \$101,029 | \$80,500 | \$120,000 | 17 | 4 | \$96,100 | \$93,655 |
| Ryerson University | 20 | 6 | \$101,028 | \$101,275 | \$89,713 | \$107,517 | 26 | 6 | \$90,500 | \$95,735 |
| University of Saskatchewan | 23 | 7 | \$105,000 | \$111,757 | \$86,000 | \$115,612 | 30 | 7 | \$95,000 | \$103,839 |
| University of Waterloo | 34 | 10 | \$117,000 | \$113,605 | \$100,000 | \$130,000 | 48 | 12 | \$98,598 | \$105,792 |
| University of British Columbia | 7 | 2 | \$103,500 | \$103,392 | \$103,000 | \$110,750 | 15 | 4 | \$97,000 | \$109,510 |
| University of Alberta | 18 | 5 | \$115,000 | \$118,066 | \$85,000 | \$146,216 | 16 | 4 | \$117,000 | \$125,831 |
| University of Guelph | 12 | 3 | \$98,000 | \$102,631 | \$88,697 | \$103,776 | 9 | 2 | \$81,000 | \$89,072 |
| University of Lethbridge | 10 | 3 | \$96,000 | \$118,122 | \$85,000 | \$160,000 | 11 | 3 | \$81,500 | \$92,867 |
| University of Manitoba | 13 | 4 | \$106,750 | \$112,100 | \$81,500 | \$116,100 | 20 | 5 | \$101,500 | \$102,223 |
| University of North British Columbia | 6 | 2 | \$88,712 | \$85,942 | \$78,000 | \$93,000 | 7 | 2 | \$85,000 | \$86,986 |
| University of Toronto | 10 | 3 | \$96,183 | \$100,503 | \$85,000 | \$120,180 | 11 | 3 | \$111,500 | \$107,591 |
| York University | 9 | 3 | \$98,331 | \$96,516 | \$82,500 | \$112,098 | 8 | 2 | \$90,500 | \$108,093 |
| Other | 62 | 18 | \$105,000 | \$106,323 | \$85,000 | \$122,000 | 66 | 16 | \$95,000 | \$100,697 |
| Not stated | 15 | 4 | \$110,000 | \$116,212 | \$97,000 | \$124,753 | 10 | 2 | \$104,000 | \$104,250 |

## Education (Cont'd)

What are the other degrees or designations that you have earned?


### 1.4 Professional Status and Compensation

## What is your professional status?



More than 7 out of 10 respondents (73\%) are Registered Professional Planners.

Compensation details for each membership category are outlined below. We see that the median annual salary for those with an RPP designation is $\$ 109,000$. This was up from $2015(\$ 103,000)$. In 2017 the median salary for candidate members is $\$ 82,200$.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 353 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Registered Professional Planner (RPP) | 256 | 73 | \$109,000 | \$115,082 | \$95,000 | \$127,000 | 274 | 68 | \$103,000 | \$109,783 |
| Candidate member | 83 | 24 | \$82,201 | \$84,424 | \$66,184 | \$96,750 | 116 | 29 | \$80,918 | \$83,127 |
| Subscriber/Pre-Candidate | 12 | 3 | \$82,338 | \$80,390 | \$66,000 | \$91,500 | 12 | 3 | \$69,750 | \$70,222 |
| Other | 2 | 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 2 | 0 | \$91,000 | \$91,000 |
| Not stated | 0 | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1 | 0 | \$85,000 | \$85,000 |

### 1.5 Planning Experience and Compensation

## How many years have you been employed as a professional planner?

This chart shows the median salaries based on years employed as a professional planner. As one would expect we see a steady increase in median salary based on length of employment. The exception is those with more than 30 years of professional planner experience. Their median salary was $(\$ 122,000)$, which is lower than those with 20 to less than 30 years' experience (\$136,950).

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 353 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Less than 2 | 15 | 4 | \$62,500 | \$71,923 | \$56,500 | \$82,000 | 28 | 7 | \$63,500 | \$65,706 |
| 2 to less than 5 | 62 | 18 | \$77,201 | \$81,693 | \$65,579 | \$89,000 | 54 | 13 | \$77,000 | \$78,618 |
| 5 to less than 8 | 56 | 16 | \$90,500 | \$93,571 | \$81,000 | \$101,747 | 73 | 18 | \$90,000 | \$88,966 |
| 8 to less than 11 | 65 | 18 | \$104,000 | \$104,579 | \$95,000 | \$115,500 | 83 | 20 | \$95,000 | \$96,914 |
| 11 to less than 15 | 53 | 15 | \$107,250 | \$110,117 | \$95,375 | \$119,500 | 49 | 12 | \$105,000 | \$107,510 |
| 15 to less than 20 | 31 | 9 | \$119,926 | \$130,496 | \$109,750 | \$146,250 | 36 | 9 | \$112,278 | \$123,854 |
| 20 to less than 30 | 42 | 12 | \$136,946 | \$144,655 | \$116,750 | \$156,500 | 50 | 12 | \$122,500 | \$132,609 |
| 30 or more | 27 | 8 | \$122,000 | \$131,079 | \$103,000 | \$139,000 | 30 | 7 | \$116,000 | \$121,050 |
| Not stated | 2 | 1 | \$103,000 | \$103,000 | \$96,500 | \$109,500 | 2 | 0 | \$63,500 | \$110,400 |

### 1.6 Union Membership

## Do you belong to a union?



Just over 1 in 4 respondents ( $27 \%$ ) are members of a union. Their median salary is $\$ 96,342$. The $72 \%$ who are not members of a union have a higher median salary of $\$ 110,000$.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 353 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Yes | 95 | 27 | \$96,342 | \$94,381 | \$86,289 | \$103,000 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| No | 253 | 72 | \$110,000 | \$110,415 | \$83,825 | \$125,250 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a | n/a |
| Not stated | 5 | 1 | \$100,000 | \$121,667 | \$95,000 | \$137,500 | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a | n/a |

### 1.7 Professional Status and Compensation

What is your current employment status as of January 1, 2017 ?

1.7 Current Employment Status (Cont'd)

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 353 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Full-time salaried employee (30+ hrs/week) | 261 | 74 | \$105,500 | \$109,311 | \$86,999 | \$122,000 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Full-time hourly wage employee (30+hrs/week) | 49 | 14 | \$96,000 | \$95,370 | \$81,000 | \$103,000 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Full-time salaried employee | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 353 | 87 | \$95,000 | \$100,377 |
| Part-time salaried employee (<30 hrs/week) | 7 | 2 | \$56,000 | \$63,141 | \$50,000 | \$69,500 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Part-time hourly wage employee (<30+hrs/week) | 0 | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Part-time salaried employee | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 10 | 2 | \$88,320 | \$101,114 |
| Self-employed | 7 | 2 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 7 | 2 | \$90,000 | \$108,143 |
| Owner/principal | 18 | 5 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 15 | 4 | \$130,000 | \$128,467 |
| Unemployed | 2 | 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 2 | 0 | \$101,000 | \$101,000 |
| Leave/extended absence | 1 | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 4 | 1 | \$77,050 | \$66,025 |
| Retired | 4 | 1 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1 | 0 | \$115,000 | \$115,000 |
| Other | 4 | 1 | \$76,500 | \$77,000 | \$74,750 | \$78,750 | 11 | 3 | \$93,456 | \$85,405 |
| Not stated | 0 | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 2 | 0 | \$92,098 | \$92,098 |

### 1.8 Employer Type and Compensation

## Where are you currently employed?

Municipalities employ a substantial majority of members ( $70 \%$ ). Their median salary is $\$ 95,380$. Private firms are the secondlargest employer, and the median income for this group is $\$ 94,000$. These numbers are virtually unchanged from 2015.

The two highest median income groups were employed by educational institutions and territorial government, but the sample size represented a small fraction of respondents.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 321 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| A municipality | 225 | 70 | \$103,000 | \$107,855 | \$89,000 | \$120,180 | 244 | 60 | \$95,380 | \$100,632 |
| Provincial government | 18 | 6 | \$95,000 | \$88,336 | \$80,500 | \$98,000 | 25 | 6 | \$93,000 | \$95,719 |
| Territorial government | 2 | 1 | \$104,528 | \$104,528 | \$104,292 | \$104,764 | 3 | 1 | \$120,000 | \$115,667 |
| Federal government | 2 | 1 | \$88,500 | \$88,500 | \$76,750 | \$100,250 | 3 | 1 | \$85,000 | \$91,078 |
| Not for profit | 5 | 2 | \$62,500 | \$71,300 | \$55,000 | \$81,000 | 11 | 3 | \$76,500 | \$89,670 |
| Private firm | 56 | 17 | \$94,000 | \$105,062 | \$68,750 | \$122,750 | 89 | 22 | \$95,000 | \$100,507 |
| Educational institution | 7 | 2 | \$118,000 | \$125,475 | \$95,639 | \$150,000 | 3 | 1 | \$97,000 | \$117,667 |
| Other | 5 | 2 | \$86,000 | \$104,800 | \$76,500 | \$105,000 | 26 | 6 | \$94,750 | \$110,231 |
| Not stated | 1 | 0 | \$109,000 | \$109,000 | \$109,000 | \$109,000 | 1 | 0 | \$115,000 | \$115,000 |

### 1.9 Years of Experience With Current Employer and Compensation

## How many years have you been employed with this organization?

The table below shows that more than half of respondents (55\%) have been with their current employer five years or less.
It is clear, that in general, the longer a respondent has been with their current employer, the higher their median salary. This was the case in 2015 as well. The median salary of a respondent with more than 30 -years employment with their current employer is $\$ 122,000$.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 321 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Less than 2 | 63 | 20 | \$85,000 | \$88,788 | \$70,000 | \$104,000 | 93 | 23 | \$90,000 | \$92,423 |
| 2 to less than 5 | 113 | 35 | \$100,000 | \$101,446 | \$80,000 | \$115,000 | 119 | 29 | \$92,000 | \$92,466 |
| 5 to less than 8 | 48 | 15 | \$102,776 | \$103,028 | \$94,435 | \$112,500 | 65 | 16 | \$93,000 | \$99,250 |
| 8 to less than 11 | 43 | 13 | \$112,000 | \$116,540 | \$93,500 | \$137,000 | 49 | 12 | \$103,000 | \$111,588 |
| 11 to less than 15 | 20 | 6 | \$114,112 | \$125,952 | \$104,460 | \$131,966 | 28 | 7 | \$108,750 | \$118,945 |
| 15 to less than 20 | 20 | 6 | \$117,000 | \$135,741 | \$109,375 | \$158,250 | 23 | 6 | \$115,310 | \$126,917 |
| 20 to less than 30 | 7 | 2 | \$117,000 | \$124,143 | \$109,500 | \$137,500 | 11 | 3 | \$116,000 | \$111,332 |
| 30 or more | 3 | 1 | \$122,000 | \$148,685 | \$113,028 | \$171,000 | 6 | 1 | \$121,175 | \$133,225 |
| Not stated | 4 | 1 | \$101,500 | \$99,000 | \$79,500 | \$121,000 | 11 | 3 | \$90,000 | \$94,687 |

### 1.10 Area(s) of Specialization

## Within your current job, what are your areas of specialization?



This chart shows, in descending order, areas of specialization.

The table on the next page provides detail on areas of specialization and current base annual salary. We note the highest median salaries ( $\$ 110,000+$ ) for those specializing in municipal management, economic planning, strategic planning and property development. Within the "other" category we most often see mentions of project management and regional planning.

### 1.10 Area(s) of Specialization (Cont'd)

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 346 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Current Planning | 209 | 60 | \$102,552 | \$106,017 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 235 | 58 | \$95,000 | \$98,620 |
| Policy Development | 203 | 59 | \$102,840 | \$104,799 | \$86,719 | \$119,000 | 232 | 57 | \$95,000 | \$99,662 |
| Long Range Planning | 188 | 54 | \$102,420 | \$104,088 | \$86,999 | \$117,250 | 211 | 52 | \$95,000 | \$100,522 |
| Community Planning | 179 | 52 | \$104,000 | \$105,946 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 181 | 45 | \$95,000 | \$98,851 |
| Public/Stakeholder Consultation | 177 | 51 | \$102,000 | \$104,752 | \$85,000 | \$119,000 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Strategic Planning | 132 | 38 | \$110,000 | \$113,725 | \$95,000 | \$126,750 | 159 | 39 | \$103,000 | \$109,462 |
| Policy Development | 128 | 37 | \$103,500 | \$107,187 | \$89,642 | \$122,000 | 154 | 38 | \$97,000 | \$101,589 |
| Subdivision and Design | 115 | 33 | \$104,000 | \$109,059 | \$84,157 | \$128,000 | 168 | 41 | \$95,000 | \$101,546 |
| Urban Design | 97 | 28 | \$102,776 | \$109,724 | \$85,000 | \$122,500 | 114 | 28 | \$95,000 | \$104,398 |
| Development Control | 86 | 25 | \$109,000 | \$112,152 | \$91,000 | \$124,000 | 112 | 28 | \$95,000 | \$100,994 |
| Property Development | 73 | 21 | \$110,000 | \$115,765 | \$87,750 | \$133,531 | 81 | 20 | \$100,000 | \$107,023 |
| Environmental Planning | 69 | 20 | \$97,500 | \$107,265 | \$82,101 | \$127,000 | 77 | 19 | \$95,000 | \$101,750 |
| Transportation Planning | 65 | 19 | \$105,000 | \$107,457 | \$87,000 | \$119,500 | 54 | 13 | \$96,800 | \$99,940 |
| Municipal Management | 64 | 18 | \$124,000 | \$133,057 | \$110,000 | \$153,000 | 68 | 17 | \$112,750 | \$121,989 |
| Rural Design | 41 | 12 | \$100,000 | \$109,545 | \$84,500 | \$122,829 | 60 | 15 | \$95,000 | \$101,276 |
| Recreation Planning | 39 | 11 | \$97,500 | \$103,040 | \$85,875 | \$112,848 | 36 | 9 | \$89,741 | \$92,088 |
| Economic Planning | 37 | 11 | \$119,200 | \$121,377 | \$97,750 | \$130,750 | 38 | 9 | \$105,000 | \$112,267 |
| Heritage Planning | 31 | 9 | \$102,840 | \$110,055 | \$90,000 | \$115,000 | 33 | 8 | \$89,500 | \$92,606 |
| Resource Planning | 29 | 8 | \$95,750 | \$110,514 | \$90,169 | \$126,500 | 41 | 10 | \$95,000 | \$103,898 |
| Facility planning | 28 | 8 | \$102,420 | \$103,831 | \$88,514 | \$120,000 | 28 | 7 | \$94,250 | \$96,330 |
| Social Planning | 22 | 6 | \$94,957 | \$94,690 | \$78,000 | \$111,600 | 26 | 6 | \$89,000 | \$90,778 |
| Telecommunication Planning | 6 | 2 | \$95,000 | \$94,521 | \$91,536 | \$102,552 | 14 | 3 | \$90,000 | \$95,692 |
| Other | 49 | 14 | \$109,000 | \$112,979 | \$100,000 | \$117,000 | 87 | 21 | \$98,000 | \$104,012 |

### 1.11 Job Title

## What is your job title?

In an open-ended question, respondents were asked to provide their job title. In the table below, we have grouped these responses into categories and provided a percentage that fall into each category.

Jr. Planner/ Designer/ Planner I/II/ Officer are most common at 34\%. Sr. Planner/ Designer/ Lead designer/ Associate/ Principal Planner is next at $26 \%$, followed by managers at $11 \%$.

Director and Executive Director/ President/ Principal/ C-Level positions were the most highly compensated.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 321 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Jr. Planner/ Designer/ Planner I/II/ Officer | 110 | 34 | \$80,588 | \$81,260 | \$68,250 | \$90,506 | 143 | 35 | \$80,835 | \$80,502 |
| Sr. Planner/ Designer/ Lead designer/ Associate/ Principal Planner | 83 | 26 | \$103,000 | \$105,621 | \$96,092 | \$116,500 | 94 | 23 | \$103,000 | \$103,208 |
| Coordinator/ Project Manager | 14 | 4 | \$104,000 | \$102,749 | \$88,039 | \$113,366 | 29 | 7 | \$95,000 | \$96,544 |
| Supervisor | 9 | 3 | \$110,000 | \$111,556 | \$93,000 | \$120,000 | 45 | 11 | \$110,000 | \$120,676 |
| Manager | 34 | 11 | \$117,500 | \$122,230 | \$106,172 | \$135,716 | 5 | 1 | \$126,800 | \$124,207 |
| Director | 29 | 9 | \$140,000 | \$145,734 | \$120,800 | \$165,000 | 20 | 5 | \$129,000 | \$142,700 |
| General Manager/ VP Planning/ <br> Senior Associate/ Senior <br> Manager/ Advisor | 19 | 6 | \$120,000 | \$138,342 | \$105,500 | \$145,000 | 23 | 6 | \$131,000 | \$135,224 |
| Executive Director/ President/ <br> Principal/ C-Level | 6 | 2 | \$140,000 | \$145,167 | \$124,000 | \$151,500 | 17 | 4 | \$145,000 | \$126,294 |
| Other | 13 | 4 | \$105,000 | \$111,000 | \$98,500 | \$121,500 | 24 | 6 | \$89,000 | \$89,052 |
| Not stated | 4 | 1 | \$131,377 | \$132,688 | \$121,065 | \$143,000 | 5 | 1 | \$106,000 | \$104,000 |

### 1.12 Number of Reports and Compensation

## Do you manage people?

Forty-six percent of respondents indicated that they manage people. The table below provides a break-down of this group by the number of individuals they manage. The more people that an individual manages, the higher their compensation. This was also true in 2015. In 2017, $5 \%$ of respondents manage more than 30 people, and they receive a median salary of $\$ 175,500$.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 321 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Yes | 148 | 46 | \$118,500 | \$125,294 | \$104,750 | \$141,000 | 179 | 44 | \$108,000 | \$118,948 |
| 1 or 2 | 31 | 10 | \$104,000 | \$106,533 | \$97,500 | \$118,500 | 39 | 10 | \$95,000 | \$97,754 |
| 3 or 4 | 26 | 8 | \$111,000 | \$104,196 | \$93,350 | \$121,500 | 45 | 11 | \$106,000 | \$112,267 |
| 5 to 9 | 51 | 16 | \$119,000 | \$129,093 | \$110,000 | \$145,000 | 59 | 15 | \$113,500 | \$120,333 |
| 10 to 29 | 22 | 7 | \$133,446 | \$127,208 | \$112,250 | \$148,750 | 24 | 6 | \$130,500 | \$146,210 |
| 30 or more | 17 | 5 | \$175,500 | \$177,618 | \$150,000 | \$205,000 | 10 | 2 | \$163,000 | \$172,100 |
| No | 173 | 54 | \$90,000 | \$89,108 | \$75,000 | \$102,776 | 225 | 56 | \$87,360 | \$86,340 |
| Not stated | 0 | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 1 | 0 | \$115,000 | \$115,000 |

### 1.13 Regularly Performed Tasks and Compensation

Listed below are various tasks that you may perform as part of your job. Beside each task please indicate if you perform this task regularly, occasionally or never.

1.13 Regularly Performed Tasks and Compensation (Cont'd)

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 346 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Work collectively with other professions like engineering and landscape Architecture | 247 | 71 | \$103,500 | \$107,971 | \$88,534 | \$120,813 | 292 | 72 | \$97,000 | \$103,116 |
| Respond to inquiries and provide advice on planning matters to the general public, members of Council, private clients, developers | 224 | 65 | \$102,696 | \$104,924 | \$85,000 | \$119,000 | 271 | 67 | \$95,000 | \$99,197 |
| Preparation of recommendations and reports for presentation to Council, boards and committees | 205 | 59 | \$103,000 | \$108,334 | \$88,967 | \$121,426 | 252 | 62 | \$96,324 | \$101,408 |
| Develop plans and strategies to achieve objectives of policy related initiatives | 178 | 51 | \$104,000 | \$108,710 | \$87,000 | \$122,000 | 189 | 47 | \$102,000 | \$106,984 |
| Conduct public engagement sessions regarding planning applications, new policy initiatives etc. | 151 | 44 | \$103,000 | \$105,722 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 181 | 45 | \$97,600 | \$102,428 |
| Prepare and/or facilitate amendments to statutory planning documents, i.e. Land Use Bylaw, Area Structure Plans, Area Redevelopment Plans, etc. | 150 | 43 | \$101,662 | \$104,212 | \$84,000 | \$117,000 | 193 | 48 | \$95,000 | \$99,716 |

### 1.13 Regularly Performed Tasks and Compensation (Cont'd)

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 346 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Review and processing of planning applications, including Development Permits, Subdivision applications etc. | 132 | 38 | \$100,000 | \$101,046 | \$84,118 | \$113,000 | 169 | 42 | \$93,500 | \$94,298 |
| Monitor and ensure compliance with municipal bylaws and regulations, provincial regulations including the Municipal Government Act and any relevant federal legislation, as related to planning and development | 129 | 37 | \$104,028 | \$107,872 | \$90,000 | \$120,000 | 141 | 35 | \$93,000 | \$96,613 |
| Prepare and interpret land use, development and subdivision agreements | 98 | 28 | \$103,000 | \$106,193 | \$86,875 | \$119,250 | 100 | 25 | \$95,000 | \$97,816 |
| Work with regional partners to achieve goals as outlined in provincial or regional plans such as the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan or Intermunicipal Development Plan, watershed plans etc. | 83 | 24 | \$106,689 | \$113,591 | \$90,000 | \$130,000 | 84 | 21 | \$105,000 | \$113,555 |
| Development of site plans, outlines plans and neighbourhood plans | 77 | 22 | \$100,000 | \$103,551 | \$80,000 | \$125,000 | 97 | 24 | \$96,500 | \$102,195 |
| Preparation and submission of planning applications | 56 | 16 | \$103,000 | \$102,304 | \$78,443 | \$121,000 | 91 | 22 | \$95,000 | \$99,931 |
| Conduct site inspections to confirm compliance with legislative, policy or bylaw regulations | 57 | 16 | \$100,000 | \$107,169 | \$87,500 | \$122,000 | 57 | 14 | \$92,000 | \$91,657 |

### 1.14 Desire to Expand Upon Current Responsibilities and Compensation

Are there certain responsibilities that you would like to focus on or would like to be doing more of in your current job?


Respondents were asked if there are other responsibilities that they would like to focus on.

Thirty-seven percent responded "yes" to this question. From a salary standpoint, those who say "yes" have a median annual salary $\$ 10,000$ less than those who say "no." It would seem that people would like to expand their responsibilities so they could achieve a higher salary.

By contrast, in 2015 the median salary of those who said "yes" and "no" were equal.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 346 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Yes | 129 | 37 | \$98,600 | \$99,292 | \$84,157 | \$110,000 | 163 | 40 | \$95,000 | \$98,938 |
| No | 173 | 50 | \$108,196 | \$110,258 | \$85,000 | \$122,000 | 224 | 55 | \$95,500 | \$102,408 |
| Not stated | 44 | 13 | \$100,000 | \$111,477 | \$88,428 | \$109,500 | 18 | 4 | \$94,000 | \$98,148 |

### 1.15 Job Satisfaction and Compensation

How satisfied are you with the following...?


| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 321 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Very Satisfied | 147 | 46 | \$109,500 | \$112,631 | \$90,000 | \$124,938 | 220 | 54 | \$98,000 | \$105,923 |
| Satisfied | 151 | 48 | \$100,000 | \$100,642 | \$80,250 | \$114,112 | 148 | 37 | \$93,000 | \$93,893 |
| Dissatisfied | 11 | 3 | \$93,000 | \$97,287 | \$87,500 | \$111,000 | 23 | 6 | \$90,000 | \$95,555 |
| Very Dissatisfied | 6 | 2 | \$96,000 | \$109,333 | \$87,000 | \$117,000 | 10 | 2 | \$103,000 | \$102,000 |
| Don't know/ not sure | 5 | 2 | \$81,807 | \$87,154 | \$65,000 | \$103,961 | 1 | 0 | \$110,000 | \$110,000 |
| Not stated | 1 | 0 | \$65,000 | \$65,000 | \$65,000 | \$65,000 | 3 | 1 | \$109,000 | \$102,000 |

### 1.16 Job Satisfaction Based on Six Attributes

The chart below examines satisfaction based on the six attributes measured. We see the highest percentage of those who are "very satisfied/satisfied" are for "your relationship with your peers" and "your salary". Levels of satisfaction are lowest for "performance recognition" and "opportunities for advancement".


### 1.17 Incidence of Job Seeking and Compensation

Will you be looking for a job with another employer in 2017?


Almost 8-in-10 respondents (78\%) say that they will not be looking for a job with another employer in 2017. This is up marginally from 2015.

The median salary of those who say that they will be looking for another job $(\$ 100,000)$ is slightly less than those who are not in market for a new job $(\$ 103,000)$.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 321 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Yes | 72 | 22 | \$100,000 | \$100,579 | \$84,150 | \$116,000 | 104 | 26 | \$94,228 | \$96,559 |
| No | 249 | 78 | \$103,000 | \$107,419 | \$85,000 | \$120,045 | 300 | 74 | \$96,550 | \$102,253 |

### 2.0 About Your Compensation

### 2.1 Bonuses and Incentives

## Did you receive any bonuses or other financial incentives in 2016?



Sixteen percent of respondents received a bonus or other financial incentive for their work in 2017. This is down slightly from the $21 \%$ in 2015.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 321 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Yes | 50 | 16 | \$113,500 | \$119,268 | \$85,750 | \$142,500 | 87 | 21 | \$110,000 | \$115,345 |
| Dollar amount | 37 | 12 | \$105,500 | \$115,822 | \$85,750 | \$135,000 | 66 | 16 | \$106,500 | \$112,472 |
| Less than \$2,000 | 6 | 2 | \$91,813 | \$89,204 | \$85,928 | \$97,678 | 15 | 4 | \$97,600 | \$100,564 |
| \$2,000 to less than \$10,000 | 13 | 4 | \$115,000 | \$109,629 | \$80,000 | \$130,000 | 19 | 5 | \$93,500 | \$93,276 |
| \$10,000 to less than \$30,000 | 9 | 3 | \$106,000 | \$101,222 | \$65,000 | \$135,000 | 22 | 5 | \$110,040 | \$114,385 |
| \$30,000 or higher | 6 | 2 | \$162,500 | \$180,333 | \$127,500 | \$220,000 | 10 | 2 | \$147,500 | \$171,800 |
| Percent of annual base salary | 14 | 4 | \$121,000 | \$130,571 | \$107,500 | \$155,250 | 19 | 5 | \$110,000 | \$117,817 |
| Less than 5\% | 4 | 1 | \$124,500 | \$134,000 | \$119,500 | \$139,000 | 6 | 1 | \$117,064 | \$119,688 |
| 5\% to less than 10\% | 3 | 1 | \$81,000 | \$91,333 | \$77,000 | \$100,500 | 4 | 1 | \$105,000 | \$105,750 |
| 10\% or higher | 6 | 2 | \$138,500 | \$144,667 | \$109,500 | \$166,750 | 9 | 2 | \$109,300 | \$124,822 |
| No | 257 | 80 | \$101,662 | \$103,197 | \$85,000 | \$117,000 | 303 | 75 | \$93,000 | \$96,503 |

### 2.2 Satisfaction With Overall Level of Compensation

How satisfied are you with your overall level of compensation in 2016?

| 31\% |  | 11\% | 2\% |  | Slightly under one-third of the sample (31\%) say that they are "Very satisfied" with their overall compensation. An additional 55\% are "Satisfied". <br> The combined total of $86 \%$ (Very satisfied/satisfied) is identical to the percentage seen in 2015. <br> Not surprisingly, the "Very satisfied" are also the most highly compensated. "Satisfied" are the second-highest. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Very Satisfied Satisfied | Dissatisfied Very Dissatisfied |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 321 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Very Satisfied | 99 | 31 | \$110,000 | \$117,380 | \$92,807 | \$133,531 | 146 | 36 | \$98,104 | \$106,398 |
| Satisfied | 177 | 55 | \$100,000 | \$101,657 | \$82,302 | \$116,550 | 202 | 50 | \$95,000 | \$99,035 |
| Dissatisfied | 34 | 11 | \$93,957 | \$98,198 | \$77,250 | \$116,000 | 39 | 10 | \$92,600 | \$91,967 |
| Very Dissatisfied | 6 | 2 | \$97,000 | \$95,500 | \$86,000 | \$100,000 | 6 | 1 | \$99,585 | \$87,195 |
| Don't know/ not sure | 2 | 1 | \$100,500 | \$100,500 | \$97,750 | \$103,250 | 7 | 2 | \$92,000 | \$88,129 |
| Not stated | 3 | 1 | \$87,000 | \$83,829 | \$76,000 | \$93,243 | 5 | 1 | \$92,000 | \$113,400 |

### 2.3 Percentage Increase that Would be Satisfactory

## What additional amount, as a percentage of your current salary, would you consider to be satisfactory?

Those who are dissatisfied with their salary were asked to indicate what additional amount would be satisfactory.
Almost one-half (48\%) are looking for an increase of $10 \%$ to $20 \%$. An additional one-third ( $35 \%$ ) seek an increase in the 20\%+ range. These numbers are virtually identical to the responses from 2015.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 40 | 100 | \$94,913 | \$97,852 | \$77,000 | \$117,000 | 45 | 100 | \$93,000 | \$90,416 |
| Less than 10\% | 5 | 13 | \$100,000 | \$99,900 | \$86,000 | \$109,000 | 63 | 16 | \$99,170 | \$100,047 |
| 10\% to less than $20 \%$ | 19 | 48 | \$93,000 | \$92,328 | \$76,000 | \$99,000 | 189 | 47 | \$97,000 | \$93,583 |
| 20\% or higher | 14 | 35 | \$95,000 | \$98,192 | \$78,000 | \$117,000 | 135 | 33 | \$87,000 | \$81,487 |
| Not stated | 2 | 5 | \$103,000 | \$143,000 | \$85,250 | \$120,000 | 18 | 4 | \$95,000 | \$111,000 |

### 2.4 Agreement With the Following Statements Regarding Compensation

With regards to your compensation, do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

Respondents were asked to express their level of agreement with four statements that related to their compensation. As the table below indicates, members generally believe that their compensation has kept up with their responsibilities and that they are fairly compensated. Seventy-six percent agree (strongly/ somewhat) that their compensation has kept up with their job responsibilities. Eighty percent agree (strongly/somewhat) that they are fairly compensated for the work they do.

|  | Strongly <br> agree | Somewhat <br> agree | Somewhat <br> disagree | Strongly <br> disagree |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| My compensation level has kept up with my job <br> responsibilities | $33 \%$ | $43 \%$ | $16 \%$ | $9 \%$ |
| I am fairly compensated for the work that I do | $38 \%$ | $42 \%$ | $15 \%$ | $5 \%$ |
| My compensation is fair but other benefits are lacking | $11 \%$ | $27 \%$ | $38 \%$ | $23 \%$ |
| My compensation has not kept pace with my colleagues <br> at other organizations | $13 \%$ | $26 \%$ | $40 \%$ | $21 \%$ |

### 2.5 Expectations of An Increase

## Do you anticipate in increase or decrease in your base salary in 2017?

|  |  |  |  | Just more than half (53\%) anticipate an increase in their base salary in 2017. This is a substantial drop from the 69\% that expected increases in 2015. Accordingly, those that expect no change in 2017 (44\%) are a higher proportion than 2015 (26\%). <br> Those who expect an increase have a median salary of $\$ 100,000$ in 2017, compared to a median salary of $\$ 95,380$ in 2015. <br> We note that the seven respondents (2\%) that expect a decrease in salary have a median income of $\$ 130,000$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 321 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Increase | 171 | 53 | \$100,000 | \$101,018 | \$81,000 | \$115,000 | 280 | 69 | \$95,380 | \$99,375 |
| 1.0\% or less | 14 | 4 | \$104,500 | \$107,812 | \$90,750 | \$122,000 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 1.1\% to 2.0\% | 57 | 18 | \$101,500 | \$102,470 | \$85,000 | \$115,000 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| 2.0\% or less | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 73 | 18 | \$94,000 | \$98,611 |
| 2.1\% to 4.0\% | 60 | 19 | \$103,000 | \$102,743 | \$82,000 | \$116,000 | 141 | 35 | \$97,000 | \$101,956 |
| 4.1\% to 6.0\% | 18 | 6 | \$88,360 | \$100,359 | \$80,686 | \$108,750 | 31 | 8 | \$100,000 | \$96,111 |
| 6.1\% to 10.0\% | 9 | 3 | \$75,000 | \$82,944 | \$62,000 | \$86,995 | 22 | 5 | \$89,250 | \$93,465 |
| 10.1\% or greater | 12 | 4 | \$95,000 | \$92,764 | \$65,000 | \$113,500 | 10 | 2 | \$95,000 | \$94,500 |
| No change | 142 | 44 | \$105,000 | \$110,907 | \$91,536 | \$124,000 | 105 | 26 | \$95,000 | \$104,305 |
| Decrease | 7 | 2 | \$130,000 | \$123,000 | \$96,500 | \$142,500 | 18 | 4 | \$95,500 | \$103,189 |
| Not stated | 1 | 0 | \$109,000 | \$109,000 | \$109,000 | \$109,000 | 2 | 0 | \$99,250 | \$99,250 |

### 2.6 Aspects of Job Not Being Fairly Compensated

In your opinion, are there aspects of your job that you are not being properly compensated for e.g. overtime, expenses, sick pay etc?


A minority of respondents (31\%) felt that there were aspects of their job in which they were not being properly compensated. This was higher than in 2015 (24\%).

The median salary of those who feel they are not being properly compensated is $\$ 106,000$, compared to a $\$ 100,000$ median salary of those who believe they are properly compensated.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 321 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Yes | 100 | 31 | \$106,000 | \$109,709 | \$93,307 | \$124,877 | 99 | 24 | \$96,100 | \$100,640 |
| No | 219 | 68 | \$100,000 | \$104,219 | \$81,434 | \$117,000 | 299 | 74 | \$95,000 | \$100,647 |
| Not stated | 2 | 1 | \$110,000 | \$110,000 | \$110,000 | \$110,000 | 7 | 2 | \$115,000 | \$110,901 |

### 2.7 Other Methods of Reward

Other than more money, are there other ways that you would like to be rewarded for your work e.g. recognition, more responsibility or vacation time?


Almost 6-in-10 (58\%) feel that there are ways other than money that they could be compensated for the work they do. This is virtually identical to the 60\% that felt this way in 2015.

Echoing the question itself, the three dominant ways that respondents would like to be rewarded were vacation time, responsibility and recognition.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 321 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Yes | 186 | 58 | \$101,662 | \$100,426 | \$85,000 | \$115,224 | 243 | 60 | \$95,000 | \$97,232 |
| No | 133 | 41 | \$105,845 | \$113,895 | \$86,926 | \$131,592 | 160 | 40 | \$97,800 | \$105,941 |
| Not stated | 2 | 1 | \$84,000 | \$84,000 | \$74,500 | \$93,500 | 2 | 0 | \$127,500 | \$127,500 |

### 3.0 About Your Work Week

### 3.1 Hours Worked in an Average Week

## Over the course of 2016, how many hours did you work in an average work week?

We note that $61 \%$ of our respondents report that their average work week is 35 to 40 hours. This is identical to the responses in 2015.

An additional 29\% are working more than 40 hours per week. This is virtually identical to 2015 (30\%). The median income for those who work more than 50 hours per week is $\$ 150,000$.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 346 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Less than 28 | 16 | 5 | \$62,000 | \$64,178 | \$50,000 | \$75,000 | 14 | 3 | \$80,000 | \$77,857 |
| 28 to 34.9 | 17 | 5 | \$99,800 | \$99,613 | \$88,499 | \$103,000 | 21 | 5 | \$85,000 | \$80,088 |
| 35 | 54 | 16 | \$100,000 | \$97,262 | \$77,500 | \$116,000 | 80 | 20 | \$95,000 | \$95,780 |
| 35.1 to 37.5 | 66 | 19 | \$90,000 | \$90,036 | \$80,000 | \$101,662 | 65 | 16 | \$87,000 | \$89,701 |
| 37.6 to 40 | 91 | 26 | \$106,000 | \$105,346 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 101 | 25 | \$93,000 | \$97,437 |
| 40.1 to 45 | 52 | 15 | \$108,598 | \$114,087 | \$93,000 | \$128,750 | 67 | 17 | \$100,000 | \$108,464 |
| 45.1 to 50 | 24 | 7 | \$122,400 | \$127,451 | \$97,750 | \$143,000 | 32 | 8 | \$116,579 | \$124,749 |
| More than 50 | 24 | 7 | \$150,000 | \$153,190 | \$117,000 | \$186,000 | 21 | 5 | \$145,000 | \$146,474 |
| Not stated | 2 | 1 | \$131,500 | \$131,500 | \$118,750 | \$144,250 | 4 | 1 | \$97,500 | \$98,000 |

### 3.2 Overtime Hours

Although workloads will vary throughout the year how many overtime hours did you work in a typical week over the course of 2016?

Seventy-two percent say that they typically work five or fewer overtime hours a week. This is virtually identical to 2015 (71\%).

Twenty-two percent say they work between more than five up to 20 hours per week of overtime. This is just higher than $19 \%$ who said this was the case in 2015.

Those working 10-20 hours of overtime a week had a median salary of $\$ 130,000$. For those working more than 20 hours of overtime, the median salary was $\$ 119,000$.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 321 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| 0 | 41 | 13 | \$96,092 | \$98,589 | \$80,075 | \$116,250 | 70 | 17 | \$90,000 | \$92,158 |
| 0.1 to 1 | 49 | 15 | \$92,000 | \$90,433 | \$81,000 | \$102,552 | 47 | 12 | \$86,246 | \$86,688 |
| 1.1 to 2 | 53 | 17 | \$94,913 | \$96,054 | \$80,675 | \$113,000 | 56 | 14 | \$92,500 | \$95,312 |
| 2.1 to 5 | 88 | 27 | \$106,000 | \$109,011 | \$91,581 | \$120,000 | 115 | 28 | \$94,000 | \$99,566 |
| 5.1 to 10 | 47 | 15 | \$115,000 | \$112,000 | \$91,838 | \$129,000 | 50 | 12 | \$101,000 | \$114,441 |
| 10.1 to 20 | 22 | 7 | \$130,500 | \$142,118 | \$98,950 | \$161,750 | 28 | 7 | \$121,000 | \$128,455 |
| More than 20 | 12 | 4 | \$119,590 | \$115,226 | \$88,652 | \$138,000 | 26 | 6 | \$98,000 | \$101,805 |
| Not stated | 9 | 3 | \$106,000 | \$117,556 | \$72,000 | \$157,000 | 13 | 3 | \$90,000 | \$119,562 |

### 3.3 Methods of Being Compensated For Overtime Hours

How are you most often compensated for your overtime hours?


As the chart on the left demonstrates, we see a variety of methods are used for compensating respondents for overtime. The banked hour-for-hour method was the most frequently used at $27 \%$. Within the "other" category we see mentions of banked double time ( $8 \%$ ) and not compensated for overtime (6\%).

The popularity of the different methods changed very little from 2015.

| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 321 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Paid hour for hour | 11 | 3 | \$81,000 | \$83,414 | \$72,500 | \$94,100 | 8 | 2 | \$72,000 | \$76,375 |
| Paid time and a half | 16 | 5 | \$106,250 | \$103,678 | \$93,750 | \$119,463 | 28 | 7 | \$105,500 | \$103,363 |
| Banked hour for hour | 86 | 27 | \$85,000 | \$85,771 | \$70,000 | \$101,662 | 89 | 22 | \$86,000 | \$88,095 |
| Banked time and a half | 42 | 13 | \$91,000 | \$88,369 | \$75,000 | \$100,000 | 61 | 15 | \$87,900 | \$87,166 |
| Other | 89 | 28 | \$106,000 | \$112,859 | \$98,600 | \$122,000 | 107 | 26 | \$96,100 | \$102,835 |
| Not applicable | 73 | 23 | \$120,000 | \$133,525 | \$109,000 | \$152,000 | 109 | 27 | \$111,779 | \$118,302 |
| Not stated | 4 | 1 | \$131,500 | \$124,775 | \$95,750 | \$160,525 | 3 | 1 | \$90,000 | \$90,667 |

### 3.4 Exemptions for Being Compensated For Overtime Hours

(For those that hold Management Positions) Are you exempt from the arrangements outlined above?


| 2017 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2015 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | n | \% | Median | Mean | 25th P | 75th P | n | \% | Median | Mean |
| TOTAL | 152 | 100 | \$102,840 | \$105,896 | \$85,000 | \$120,000 | 405 | 100 | \$95,000 | \$100,822 |
| Yes | 89 | 59 | \$130,000 | \$136,650 | \$112,000 | \$150,000 | 111 | 27 | \$118,000 | \$127,630 |
| No | 63 | 41 | \$110,000 | \$107,475 | \$93,200 | \$120,426 | 87 | 21 | \$100,000 | \$103,309 |

### 4.0 Benefits

### 4.1 Benefits Offered By Employer

Which of the following benefits are provided by your employer? For each item please indicate if your employer pays all, a portion or if the specific benefit is not offered.
\(\left.$$
\begin{array}{|l|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline & \begin{array}{c}\text { Employer } \\
\text { Pays All }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Employer Pays } \\
\text { More Than 50\% }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Employer Pays Half } \\
\mathbf{( 5 0 \% )}\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Employer Pays } \\
\text { Less Than 50\% }\end{array}
$$ <br>

\hline Employer\end{array}\right]\)| $9 \%$ |
| :---: |
| Professional Member Dues |

### 4.2 Vacation Time Paid For Per Year

How much vacation time are you paid for per year?


### 4.3 Review of Previous Salary Survey

Did you review the results of the previous 2015 Salary survey?
Forty-four percent report reviewing the results from the previous survey. The majority found the results to be very or somewhat useful.

| $\mathbf{2 0 1 7}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathbf{n}$ | $\mathbf{\%}$ | Median | Mean | $\mathbf{2 5 t h} \mathbf{P}$ | 75th $\mathbf{P}$ |
| TOTAL | $\mathbf{3 4 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 0 2 , 8 4 0}$ | $\$ 105,896$ | $\mathbf{\$ 8 5 , 0 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{\$ 1 2 0 , 0 0 0}$ |
| Yes | 153 | 44 | $\$ 99,000$ | $\$ 102,659$ | $\$ 83,076$ | $\$ 117,000$ |
| No | 178 | 51 | $\$ 103,000$ | $\$ 107,209$ | $\$ 87,500$ | $\$ 120,000$ |
| Not stated | 15 | 4 | $\$ 124,500$ | $\$ 126,917$ | $\$ 105,250$ | $\$ 144,250$ |

## Were they useful?

| $\mathbf{2} 01 \mathbf{7}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathbf{n}$ | $\%$ | Median | Mean | $\mathbf{2 5 t h} \mathbf{P}$ | 75th $\mathbf{P}$ |
| TOTAL | $\mathbf{1 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\$ 99,000$ | $\$ 102,659$ | $\$ 83,076$ | $\$ 117,000$ |
| Very useful | 84 | 53 | $\$ 94,240$ | $\$ 100,178$ | $\$ 80,756$ | $\$ 114,500$ |
| Somewhat useful | 67 | 42 | $\$ 106,345$ | $\$ 108,413$ | $\$ 86,875$ | $\$ 120,000$ |
| Not useful | 4 | 3 | $\$ 65,000$ | $\$ 61,667$ | $\$ 53,500$ | $\$ 71,500$ |
| Not stated | 3 | 2 | $\$ 103,000$ | $\$ 93,054$ | $\$ 88,213$ | $\$ 120,645$ |

### 5.0 Self-Employed and Owner-Principal Information

### 5.1 Total Gross Income - Self-Employed

What was your total gross income (before taxes) in 2016? [SELF-EMPLOYED] $N=7$

| $\$ 0$ |
| :--- |
| $\$ 63,000$ |
| $\$ 68,000$ |
| $\$ 70,000$ |
| $\$ 79,000$ |
| $\$ 110,000$ |
| $\$ 143,550$ |
| Mean (Including \$0) - \$76,221 |
| Mean (excluding $\mathbf{\$ 0} \mathbf{-} \mathbf{\$ 8 8 , 9 2 5}$ |

Only seven respondents defined themselves as self-employed. The mean salary amongst this group (excluding a respondent who reported $\$ 0$ ) is $\$ 88,925$.

### 5.2 Years in Business - Owner-Principal

How many years has your firm been in business? [OWNER-PRINCIPAL]


### 5.3 Full-time and Part-time Staff - Owner-Principal

What is the total number of full-time staff employed by your firm? [OWNER-PRINCIPAL] N = 20

|  | $\mathbf{n}$ | $\mathbf{\%}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL | 20 | 100 |
| None | 2 | 10 |
| One | 4 | 20 |
| Two to Five | 4 | 20 |
| Six to Eleven | 2 | 10 |
| Eleven to Fifty | 6 | 30 |
| 120 locally | 1 | 5 |
| 11,000 | 1 | 5 |

The majority of owner-principals (90\%) report having one or more full-time staff. They are less likely to report having part-time staff.

What is the total number of part-time staff employed by your firm? [OWNER-PRINCIPAL]

|  | $\mathbf{n}$ | \% |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL | 12 | 100 |
| None | 5 | 42 |
| One | 3 | 25 |
| Two | 2 | 17 |
| Five to Ten (Estimated) | 1 | 8 |
| 2000 | 1 | 8 |

### 5.4 Number of Planners Employed - Owner-Principal

How many planners do you employ? [OWNER-PRINCIPAL]

|  | $\mathbf{n}$ | \% |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL | 17 | 100 |
| None | 5 | 29 |
| One | 5 | 29 |
| Two | 2 | 12 |
| Five to Ten (Estimated) | 3 | 18 |
| 2000 | 2 | 12 |

Twenty-nine percent report that they do not employ a planner. The remainder employ one or more planner(s).

### 5.5 Total Gross Billings - Owner-Principal

## What were your total gross billings in 2016? [OWNER-PRINCIPAL]

|  | $\mathbf{n}$ | \% |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| TOTAL | 14 | 100 |
| $\$ 0$ | 1 | 7 |
| $\$ 60,000$ to $\$ 86,000$ | 3 | 21 |
| $\$ 105,000$ to $\$ 180,000$ | 5 | 36 |
| $\$ 350,000$ | 1 | 7 |
| $\$ 975,000$ | 1 | 7 |
| $\$ 3,000.000$ | 1 | 7 |
| $\$ 8,000,000$ to $\$ 8,500,000$ | 2 | 14 |
| Mean (excluding 0$)$ | $\$ 1,672,769$ |  |

This table provides information on the gross billings of owner-principals. Slightly over half ( $57 \%$ ) report gross billings between $\$ 60,000$ and $\$ 180,000$. Twenty-one percent report billings between $\$ 3 \mathrm{M}$ and $\$ 8.5 \mathrm{M}$. The average ( $\$ 1.67 \mathrm{M}$ ) is being impacted by these billings at the high end.

