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Occupational Employment and Wages, May 2017

49-9092 Commercial Divers

Work below surface of water, using scuba gear to inspect, repair, remove, or install equipment and structures. May use a variety of power and hand tools, such as drills, sledgehammers, torches, and welding equipment. May conduct tests or experiments, rig explosives, or photograph structures or marine life. Excludes "Fishers and Related Fishing Workers" (45-3011), "Athletes and Sports Competitors" (27-2021), and "Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers" (33-3051).

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Employment estimate and mean wage estimates for this occupation:

Employment (1)	Employment RSE (3)	Mean hourly wage	Mean annual wage (2)	Wage RSE (3)
3,280	9.1 %	\$26.57	\$55,270	2.9 %

Percentile wage estimates for this occupation:

Percentile	10%	25%	50% (Median)	75%	90%
Hourly Wage	\$14.49	\$17.76	\$22.70	\$30.57	\$46.56
Annual Wage (2)	\$30,130	\$36,940	\$47,210	\$63,590	\$96,850

Industry profile for this occupation: [Top](#)

Industries with the highest published employment and wages for this occupation are provided. For a list of all industries with employment in this occupation, see the [Create Customized Tables](#) function.

Industries with the highest levels of employment in this occupation:

Industry	Employment (1)	Percent of industry employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Other Support Services	1,080	0.35	\$26.06	\$54,200
Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	900	0.81	\$28.38	\$59,040
Nonresidential Building Construction	320	0.04	\$30.66	\$63,770
Support Activities for Water Transportation	170	0.19	\$31.87	\$66,300
Architectural, Engineering, and Related Services	130	0.01	\$20.63	\$42,920

Industries with the highest concentration of employment in this occupation:

Industry	Employment (1)	Percent of industry employment	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Other Heavy and Civil Engineering Construction	900	0.81	\$28.38	\$59,040
Other Support Services	1,080	0.35	\$26.06	\$54,200
Support Activities for Water Transportation	170	0.19	\$31.87	\$66,300
Museums, Historical Sites, and Similar Institutions	90	0.05	\$14.79	\$30,770
Nonresidential Building Construction	320	0.04	\$30.66	\$63,770

Top paying industries for this occupation:

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Other Support Services	1,080	0.35	\$26.06	\$54,200
Local Government, excluding schools and hospitals (OES Designation)	40	(Z)	\$21.67	\$45,060

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States and areas with the highest published employment, location quotients, and wages for this occupation are provided. For a list of all areas with employment in this occupation, see the [Create Customized Tables](#) function.

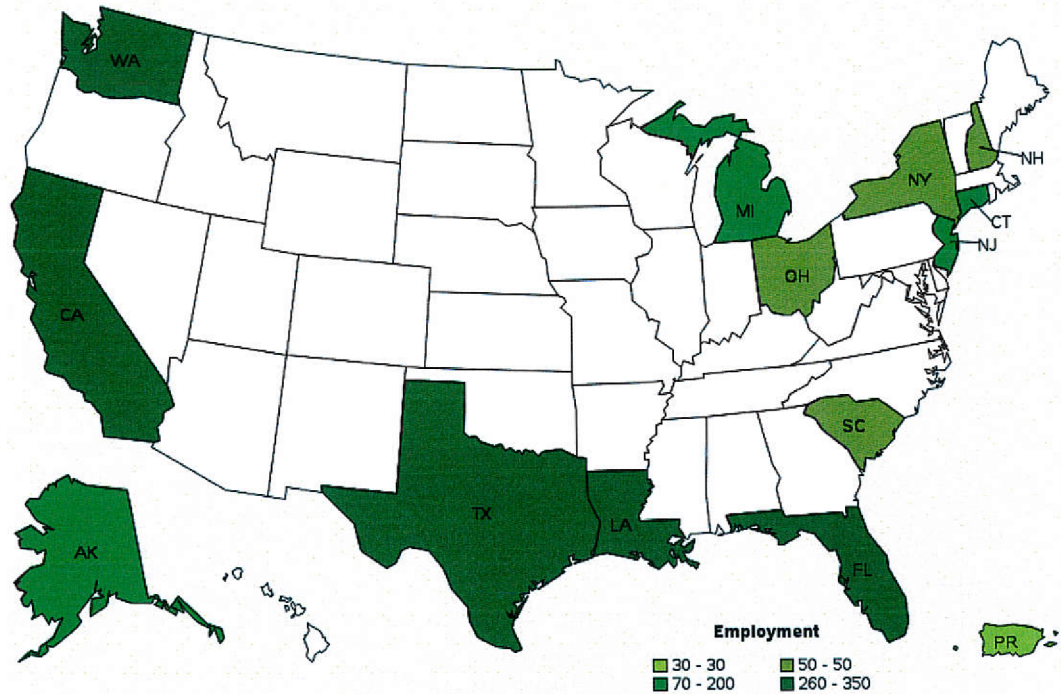
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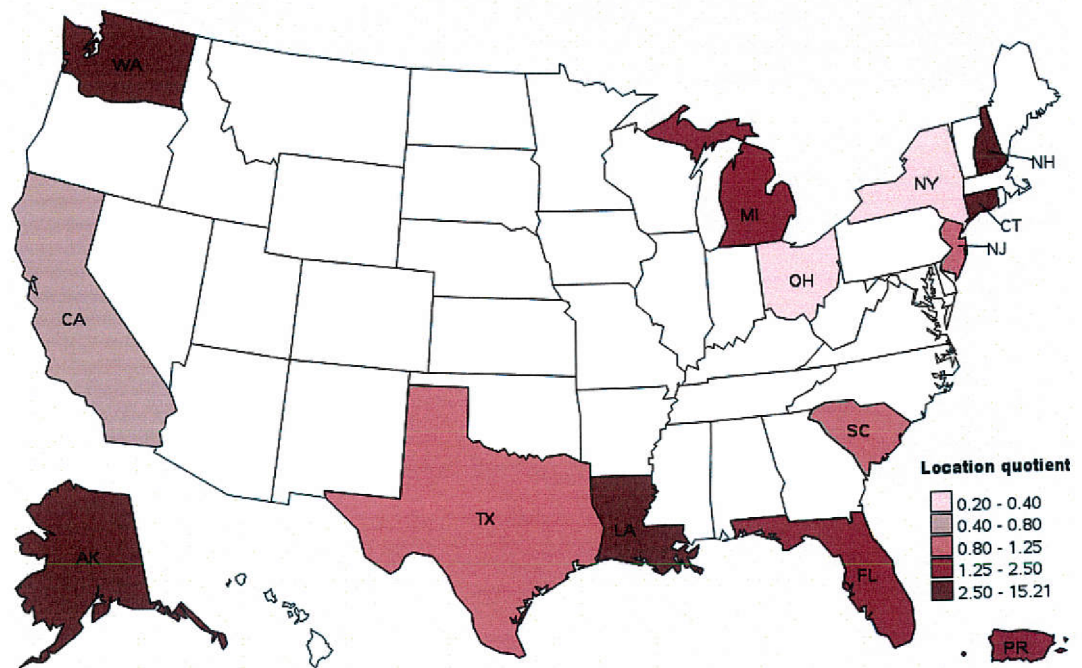
Employment of commercial divers, by state, May 2017



States with the highest employment level in this occupation:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Louisiana	350	0.18	8.03	\$24.13	\$50,190
Texas	340	0.03	1.23	\$26.62	\$55,370
Florida	330	0.04	1.68	\$22.38	\$46,550
California	260	0.02	0.68	(8)	(8)
Washington	260	0.08	3.50	\$25.80	\$53,670

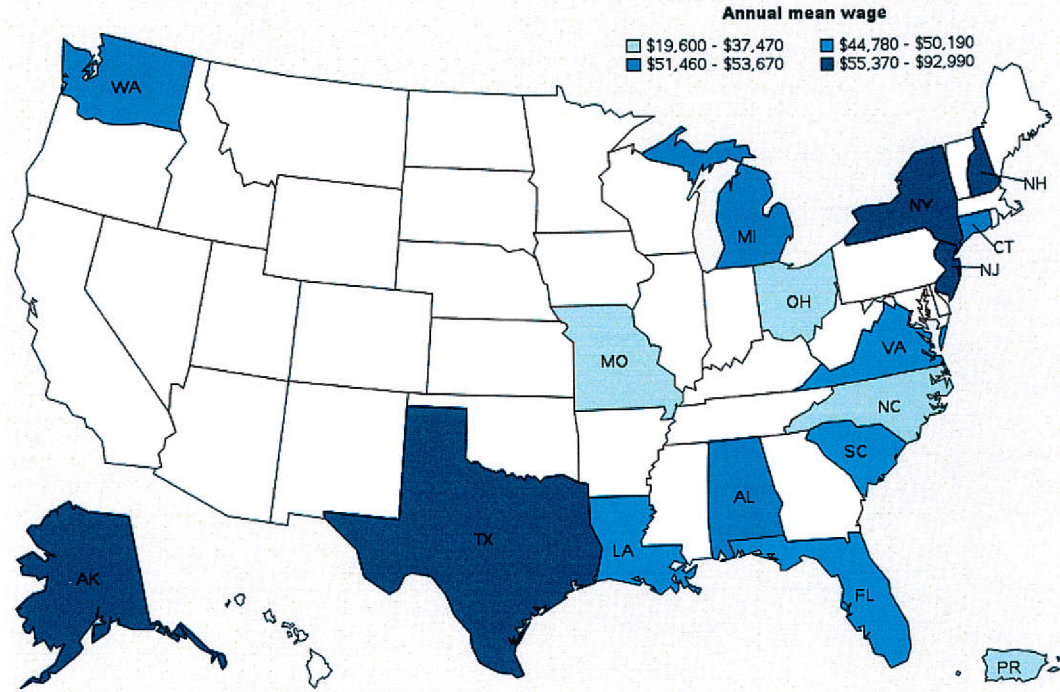
Location quotient of commercial divers, by state, May 2017



States with the highest concentration of jobs and location quotients in this occupation:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Alaska	110	0.35	15.21	\$38.99	\$81,090
Louisiana	350	0.18	8.03	\$24.13	\$50,190
Washington	260	0.08	3.50	\$25.80	\$53,670
New Hampshire	50	0.08	3.29	\$37.93	\$78,900
Connecticut	110	0.06	2.78	\$25.53	\$53,110

Annual mean wage of commercial divers, by state, May 2017

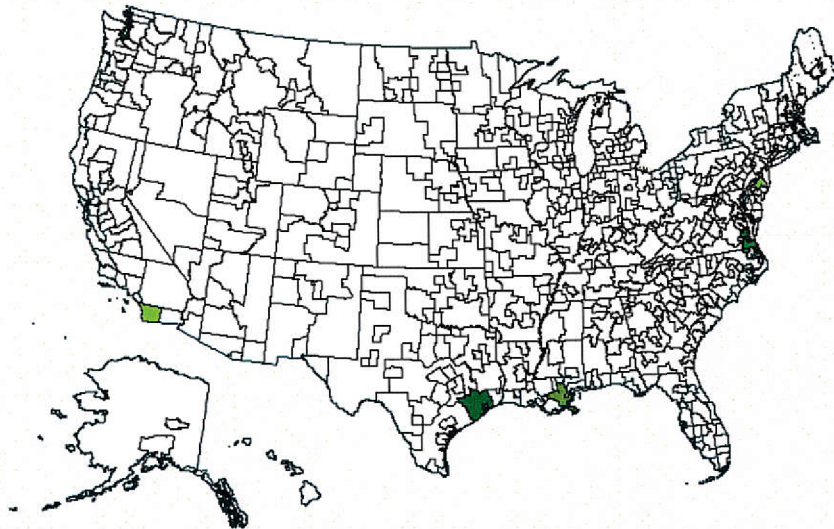


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Top paying States for this occupation:

State	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
New York	50	0.01	0.25	\$44.71	\$92,990
Alaska	110	0.35	15.21	\$38.99	\$81,090
New Hampshire	50	0.08	3.29	\$37.93	\$78,900
New Jersey	70	0.02	0.81	\$34.85	\$72,500
Texas	340	0.03	1.23	\$26.62	\$55,370

Employment of commercial divers, by area, May 2017

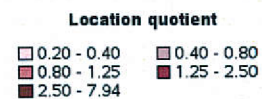
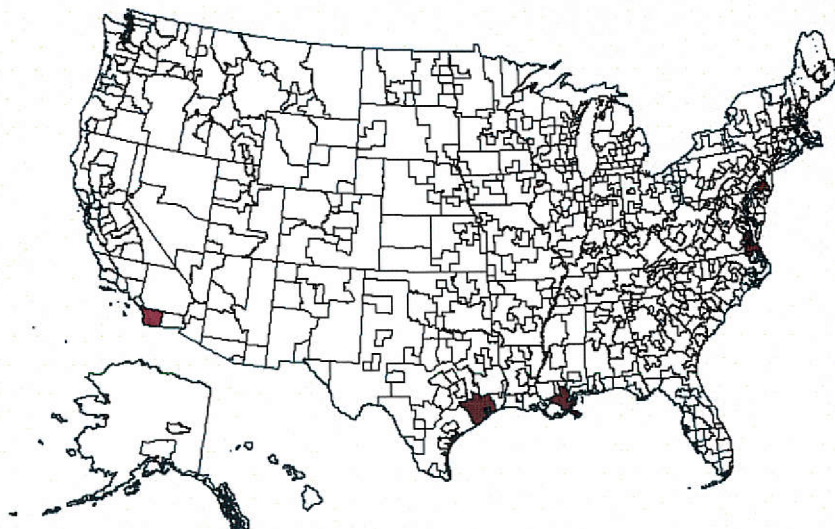


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Metropolitan areas with the highest employment level in this occupation:

Metropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	270	0.09	4.05	\$27.56	\$57,330
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	140	0.18	7.94	\$28.29	\$58,840
New Orleans-Metairie, LA	80	0.15	6.43	\$23.20	\$48,250
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	60	0.04	1.76	\$41.35	\$86,010
Camden, NJ Metropolitan Division	60	0.11	4.68	\$28.86	\$60,030

Location quotient of commercial divers, by area, May 2017



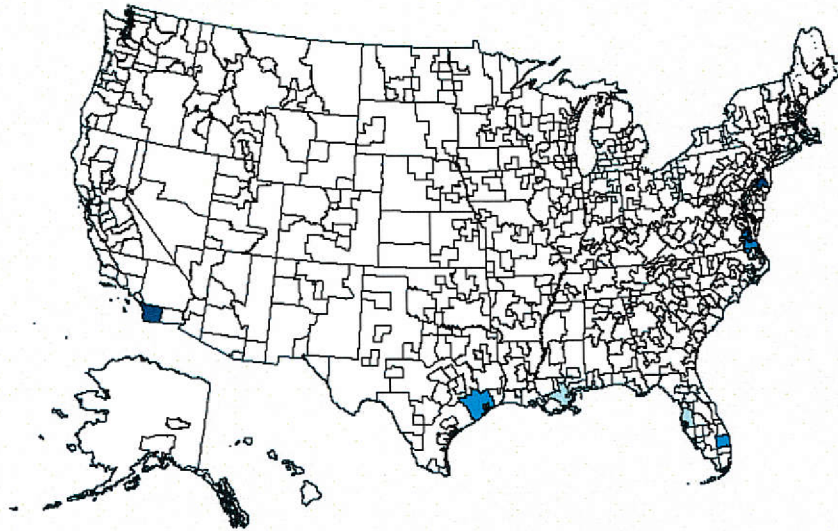
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Metropolitan areas with the highest concentration of jobs and location quotients in this occupation:

Metropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	140	0.18	7.94	\$28.29	\$58,840
New Orleans-Metairie, LA	80	0.15	6.43	\$23.20	\$48,250
Camden, NJ Metropolitan Division	60	0.11	4.68	\$28.86	\$60,030
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	270	0.09	4.05	\$27.56	\$57,330
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Annual mean wage of commercial divers, by area, May 2017



Annual mean wage

- \$32,700 - \$48,250
- \$49,770 - \$57,330
- \$58,840 - \$59,130
- \$60,030 - \$114,860

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Top paying metropolitan areas for this occupation:

Metropolitan area	Employment (1)	Employment per thousand jobs	Location quotient (9)	Hourly mean wage	Annual mean wage (2)
San Diego-Carlsbad, CA	60	0.04	1.76	\$41.35	\$86,010
Camden, NJ Metropolitan Division	60	0.11	4.68	\$28.86	\$60,030
Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News, VA-NC	140	0.18	7.94	\$28.29	\$58,840
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX	270	0.09	4.05	\$27.56	\$57,330
West Palm Beach-Boca Raton-Delray Beach, FL Metropolitan Division	(8)	(8)	(8)	\$24.70	\$51,380
New Orleans-Metairie, LA	80	0.15	6.43	\$23.20	\$48,250
Tampa-St. Petersburg-Clearwater, FL	(8)	(8)	(8)	\$15.72	\$32,700

[About May 2017 National, State, Metropolitan, and Nonmetropolitan Area Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates](#)

These estimates are calculated with data collected from employers in all industry sectors, all metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas, and all states and the District of Columbia. The top employment and wage figures are provided above. The complete list is available in the [downloadable XLS files](#).

The percentile wage estimate is the value of a wage below which a certain percent of workers fall. The median wage is the 50th percentile wage estimate--50 percent of workers earn less than the median and 50 percent of workers earn more than the median. [More about percentile wages](#).

(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.

(7) The value is less than .005 percent of industry employment.

(8) Estimate not released.

(9) The location quotient is the ratio of the area concentration of occupational employment to the national average concentration. A location quotient greater than one indicates the occupation has a higher share of employment than average, and a location quotient less than one indicates the occupation is less prevalent in the area than average.

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