## 2016 Annual Uniform <br> Pay Plan Review

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## INTRODUCTION

The pay rates for the State's classified workforce will be established in accordance with a system that generally considers such factors as availability of applicants, the quality of the applicant pool, turnover rates, federal law, market competition, pay practices of market competitors, the evaluation system ranking, employee performance and level of funding available. The State will not be a market leader, but, for the most part, will follow the market as the value of jobs change." C.S. Rule 6.I

Article $X$ of the Louisiana State Constitution requires the State Civil Service Commission to establish and maintain a uniform pay plan to ensure that classified state employees are compensated appropriately and in accordance with state and federal law. The Commission has strived to set compensation levels that enable state agencies to recruit and retain quality employees that are needed to deliver effective services to our citizens, while adhering to a fiscally conservative philosophy.

The Commission has documented its compensation philosophy in Civil Service Rule 6.1. Through the adoption of Civil Service Rule 6.2,
the Commission has appointed the Director of State Civil Service to analyze the effectiveness of the classified pay plan at least annually, and to recommend appropriate changes based upon the results. After considering such recommendations at a public hearing, the Commission may adopt changes to the pay plan. However, these changes become effective only after approval by the Governor.

This report presents the results of the compensation analysis on behalf of the Director of State Civil Service to the members of the State Civil Service Commission in accordance with C.S. Rule 6.2. This report does not include data on unclassified employees.

## DEFINITIONS

## Benchmark Job

A job commonly found throughout all industries that is used as a reference point to make pay comparisons between employers.

## Lag

The amount by which a classified job's pay range midpoint falls behind its comparable in the public and/or private sector. May also refer to a compensation strategy to "lag" the market.

## Market

The relevant labor market from which an organization gains or loses employees.

## Market Rate

The prevailing rate of compensation employers are paying for a job. For the purposes of this report, it is an average of the actual median salaries for a group of similar benchmark jobs.

## Market Ratio

An index that is used to determine the lag of classified benchmark jobs against the market rate. It is calculated by dividing the SCS pay range midpoint by the market rate. This figure is subtracted from $100 \%$ to determine the lag.

## Median Salary

The middle value in a set of data responses that are ranked from lowest to highest and representative of actual salaries.

## Midpoint

The middle value in a defined pay range. It is commonly used to adjust an organization's competitive position against the market rate for a given job.

## Pay Range

A salary range that an organization is willing to pay for a given job. A pay range consists of a minimum and maximum salary.

## Private Sector

Organizations with a "for profit" status that participated in the salary surveys in the southern region consisting of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

## Public Sector

State, federal, local government, or not-for-profit organizations that participated in the salary surveys in the southern region consisting of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Director, after consultation with appointing authorities and the state fiscal officer and after conducting such research as he may deem appropriate, shall cause to be prepared for submission to the Commission, a uniform pay plan, or amendments thereto, for the classified service." C. S. Rule 6.2(a)

Civil Service Rule 6.1 states the SCS compensation philosophy as, "The state will not be a market leader, but, for the most part, will follow the market as the value of jobs change." This is accomplished by comparing SCS pay range midpoints with median salaries for similar jobs within a relevant geographic area. Over 500 benchmark jobs are included in this analysis.

The midpoint of a pay range typically represents an organization's competitive market position for the jobs assigned to that pay range. It is the level at which an organization chooses to set its pay against the external market and is established as a strategy against an organization's competitors in recruiting and retaining personnel (WorldatWork, 2009).

Sections of this report include information that demonstrate the relative health of classified pay structures as compared to the
external market rates, as well as the competiveness of actual salaries of classified employees. Other key information provided in this report that may assist in supporting recommendations to adjust pay schedules and/or a salary increase for classified employees include a percent into range analysis for classified employees, turnover data, economic outlook information, and historical data on pay structure adjustments and salary increases.

Overall, the classified service is experiencing competitive pressure in all pay schedules due to the inability of some agencies to grant performance adjustments for several years, as well as the lack of structure adjustments for nearly a decade now. Although statewide budget issues are a concern, it is imperative that the classified pay structure as well as the actual salaries of employees be considered for the efficient and effective delivery of quality services to the public.

## PAY STRUCTURE COMPETITIVENESS

The data indicates that, on average, SCS pay schedule midpoints for classified benchmark jobs lag public sector medians by $4.9 \%$ to $22.6 \%$ and lag private sector medians by $13.0 \%$ to $28.2 \%$.

| Administrative Pay Schedule (AS) | Protective Services Pay Schedule (PS) | Social Services Pay Schedule (SS) | Technical \& Scientific Pay Schedule (TS) | Skilled Trades Pay Schedule (WS) | Medical Pay Schedule (MS) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Public sector lag 22.6\% | Public sector lag 4.9\% | Public sector lag 5.4\% | Public sector lag 14.5\% | Public sector lag 12.6\% | Public sector lag 8.9\% |
| Private sector lag 28.2\% | Private sector lag 13.0\% | Private sector lag 19.0\% | Private sector lag 21.2\% | Private sector lag 17.2\% | Private sector lag 14.1\% |

## LAG TREND OF SCS CLASSIFIED PAY SCHEDULES

Salary data collected for 2016 as compared to salary data collected for 2015 indicate that some classified pay schedules continue to fall further behind the public and private sectors.


## MEDIAN SALARY COMPARISONS

The data indicates that, on average, actual median salaries of classified employees in benchmark jobs lag public sector medians by $7.4 \%$ to $23.2 \%$ and lag private sector medians by $15.0 \%$ to $26.1 \%$.

Administrative Pay Schedule (AS)
Protective Services Pay Schedule (PS)
Social Services Pay Schedule (SS)
Technical \& Scientific Pay Schedule (TS)
Skilled Trades Pay Schedule (WS)

## Medical Pay Schedule (MS)

## LAG TREND OF SCS CLASSIFIED MEDIAN SALARIES

Salary data collected for 2016 as compared to salary data collected for 2015 indicate that the pay gap has grown for employees in some classified pay schedules as compared to their counterparts in the public and private sectors.


## PERCENT INTO PAY RANGE ANALYSIS

Percent into range data was collected for the last five years for all classified employees in all pay schedules. The data indicates that the salaries of the classified workforce have remained relatively static for the last five years in regard to percent into range. This is due, in part, to agencies' inability to grant performance adjustments for several years.

## TURNOVER STATISTICS

Both total and voluntary statewide turnover rates have increased slightly since last fiscal year. The statewide total turnover rate for FY 2015-2016 was $16.79 \%$, while the statewide voluntary turnover rate for FY 2015-2016 was 13.14\%. Turnover by pay schedule for FY 2015-2016 shows that both the total and voluntary turnover percentages are highest in the Protective Services schedule.


## ECONOMIC OUTLOOK REVIEW

Economic data collected indicates that job growth is expected in the industrial/chemical and construction industries due to $\$ 134.8$ billion in projects underway since 2012, as well as rebuilding efforts from the Great Flood of 2016. Additionally, job growth is also anticipated in the healthcare industry due to hospital expansions.

## Compensation Survey Practices

## BENCHMARKS

The Department of State Civil Service conducted this analysis according to the benchmarking process and principles recommended by the WorldatWork Society of Certified Professionals (www.worldatwork.org).

WorldatWork is the world's leading not-for-profit professional association dedicated to knowledge and leadership in the areas of total rewards, compensation, benefits, and worklife balance. The WorldatWork standards of professional practice are followed by compensation professionals nationally and worldwide.

The benchmarking process identifies jobs that are common throughout all industries. Examples include jobs such as receptionist, accountant, engineer, registered nurse, electrician, etc. Benchmark jobs are used as reference points to make pay comparisons between employers within a geographic area.

Benchmark jobs are used to represent multiple levels within occupations. This allows for the analysis of a "cross-section" of an occupation throughout the job market in order to make pay comparisons of entry-level to entrylevel, up through supervisor to supervisor and beyond. For example, a comparison using this method would include the following job titles:

- Accountant Technician
- Accountants 1, 2, and 3
- Accountant Supervisor
- Accountant Manager
- Accountant Administrator

Benchmark jobs typically have broad usage within the relevant job market in order to allow for the application of statistically significant sampling methods. Additionally, universal standards established among compensation practitioners are used to ensure consistency of comparability. Over 500 benchmark job comparisons are utilized in this analysis. A complete listing is provided in Appendix B.

## SALARY SURVERYS AND THE RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT MARKET

Once applicable benchmark jobs have been identified, salary information for those jobs is obtained through surveys from professional compensation survey providers as well as from public compensation consortiums. The data in this report includes comparisons to median salaries of employers in Louisiana's relevant employment market.

The Department of State Civil Service defines the relevant employment market as public and private employers within the South Central and/or Southeastern regions, preferably in service-providing industries. States used for the analysis in this report in the South Central and Southeastern regions include Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

In an effort to maintain consistency in the collection and analysis of data, the same surveys have been used for the past few years as follows:

- Salary.com ${ }^{\circledR}$ CompAnalyst ${ }^{\circledR}$
- Compdata
- National Compensation

Association of State Governments (NCASG)

## Salary.com ${ }^{\circledR}$ CompAnalys ${ }^{\circledR}$

An international salary survey firm that provides a platform for compensation data management, analysis, and modeling. This platform contains salary data for over 4,000 benchmark jobs. Salary.com ${ }^{\circledR}$ CompAnalyst ${ }^{\circledR}$ was used to obtain comparative public and private sector salary data.

## Compdata

A national compensation survey data and consulting firm. Compdata has amassed the largest and most comprehensive database of current compensation and benefits information. Compdata typically collects information from approximately 34,000 organizations.

## National Compensation Association of State Governments (NCASG)

A national organization composed of state government human resources professionals. NCASG's mission is to provide a forum for compensation professionals from member states to exchange information, professional expertise, and knowledge related to the compensation of state government employees. Annually, NCASG conducts a compensation survey that collects salary data from member states for a variety of jobs typically found in state government.

## OCCUPATIONAL GROUP COMPARISONS

Louisiana's classified pay plan divides state classified jobs into six pay schedules based on broad occupational categories. These six pay schedules are listed below. The jobs within each pay schedule have relatively similar recruitment, retention, and compensation needs. Therefore, salary data was analyzed separately for each of these six pay schedules.


## PUBLIC/PRIVATE SECTOR COMPARISONS

Salary data from both public sector and private sector employers were included in this analysis. The relative value of the different comparisons varies among occupational groups based on the jobs that were compared in each group.

For the majority of classified jobs, competition for skilled employees comes not from other states, but from private employers within Louisiana. For example, an Accountant considering employment with the Department of

Transportation and Development would be more likely to compare the offerings of state employment to those of local private competitors such as Exxon, Blue Cross, or CB\&l.

Part of defining the relevant employment market involves identifying employers within the same industry. For this reason, it is important to show a comparison against public sector data as well.

## Pay Structure Competitiveness

SCS Pay Schedule Midpoints vs. Median Market Salaries

## METHODOLOGY

The following methodology is used for the next six charts to compare SCS pay schedule midpoints to median market salaries for comparable benchmark jobs. Common standards in compensation administration suggest comparing the $50^{\text {th }}$ percentile (midpoint) of the pay range to the median market rate when recommending pay structure changes. This is because median salaries are said to be less susceptible to fluctuations caused by outliers in the survey data (Lind 2005).

## SCS classified jobs were matched to benchmark jobs in the public and private sectors.

Pay range midpoints were identified for each SCS benchmark classified job.

Median salaries were identified for each corresponding benchmark job in the public and private sectors.

A separate analysis was completed for each sector since some SCS benchmark jobs were isolated to one sector.

SCS pay schedule midpoints for benchmarked jobs were averaged to show a single value representative of the pay schedule for each sector. The median salaries of the jobs matched to SCS benchmarks in each sector were also averaged to provide a single value for comparison.

The lag of the SCS pay schedules was calculated by dividing the average SCS pay schedule midpoint by the average median for the applicable sector, and then subtracting that number from $100 \%$.

## RESULTS

As of January 1, 2016, SCS pay schedule midpoints for benchmarked jobs trail the median salaries offered by other public employers from $4.9 \%$ to $22.6 \%$, and lag behind those offered by private employers from $13.0 \%$ to $28.2 \%$. In the graph below, the bars indicate the percentages by which the average SCS pay structure midpoint has fallen behind the corresponding public and private median market salary for benchmarked jobs. A detailed comparison for each pay schedule can be found on the following pages.

Market Lag of SCS Pay Schedule Midpoints


[^0]TS = Technical \& Scientific Schedule
WS = Skilled Trades Schedule
MS = Medical Schedule

171<br>Benchmark Jobs<br>7,129<br>Classified Employees within Benchmark jobs<br>$22.6 \%$ Lag<br>Public Sector Median Salaries<br>28.2\% log<br>Private Sector Median Salaries

## ADMINISTRATIVE PAY SCHEDULE (AS)

A total of 171 jobs were benchmarked in the Administrative Schedule which represents 7,129 classified employees as of January 1, 2016. Jobs in this category include Accountants, Attorneys, Economists, Human Resource Officers, etc. The graph below shows SCS Administrative Schedule midpoints as compared to median salaries for equivalent benchmark jobs in the public and private sectors. According to this data, the SCS Administrative Schedule is, on average, $22.6 \%$ lower than competing public employers and $28.2 \%$ lower than competing private employers.

SCS Midpoints vs. Median Market Salaries for Benchmarked Jobs (AS)

20
Benchmark Jobs
3,459
Classified Employees within Benchmark jobs
4.9\% Lag
Public Sector Mean Salaries
13.0\% Lag

Private Sector Median Salaries

## PROTECTIVE SERVICES PAY SCHEDULE (PS)

A total of 20 jobs were benchmarked in the Protective Services Schedule which represents 3,459 classified employees as of January 1, 2016. Jobs in this category include Police Officers, Corrections Officers, Probation \& Parole Agents, Wildlife Agents, etc. The graph below shows Protective Services Schedule midpoints as compared to median salaries for equivalent benchmark jobs in the public and private sectors. According to this data, the SCS Protective Services Schedule is, on average, $4.9 \%$ lower than competing public employers and $13.0 \%$ lower than competing private employers.

SCS Midpoints vs. Median Market Salaries for Benchmarked Jobs (PS)


The public and private sector include states in the southern region which consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

## 21

Benchmark Jobs

1,858
Classified Employees within Benchmark jobs

5.4\% lag<br>Public Sector Median Salaries

19.0\% lag

Private Sector Median Salaries

## SOCIAL SERVICES PAY SCHEDULE (SS)

A total of 21 jobs were benchmarked in the Social Services Schedule which represents 1,858 classified employees as of January 1, 2016. Jobs in this category include Social Workers, Child Welfare Specialists, Counselors, etc. The graph below shows Social Services Schedule midpoints as compared to median salaries for equivalent benchmark jobs in the public and private sectors. According to this data, the SCS Social Services Schedule is, on average, $5.4 \%$ lower than competing public employers and $19.0 \%$ lower than competing private employers.

SCS Midpoints vs. Median Market Salaries for Benchmarked Jobs (SS)


The public and private sector include states in the southern region which consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

| 95 | 2,177 | $14.5 \%$ Lag | $21.2 \%$ Lag |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Benchmark Jobs | Classified Employees <br> within Benchmark jobs | Public Sector Median Salaries | Private Sector Median Salaries |

## TECHNICAL \& SCIENTIFIC PAY SCHEDULE (TS)

A total of 95 jobs were benchmarked in the Technical \& Scientific Schedule which represents 2,177 classified employees as of January 1, 2016. Jobs in this category include Biologists, Chemists, Engineers, Geologists, etc. The graph below shows SCS Technical and Scientific Schedule midpoints as compared to median salaries for equivalent benchmark jobs in the public and private sectors. According to this data, the SCS Technical and Scientific Schedule is, on average, $14.5 \%$ lower than competing public employers and $21.2 \%$ lower than competing private employers.

SCS Midpoints vs. Median Market Salaries for Benchmarked Jobs (TS)


[^1]59<br>Benchmark Jobs<br>12.6\% Log<br>Public Sector Median Salaries<br>17.2\% Log<br>Private Sector Median Salaries

## SKILLED TRADES PAY SCHEDULE (WS)

A total of 59 jobs were benchmarked in the Skilled Trades Schedule which represents 3,884 classified employees as of January 1, 2016. Jobs in this category include Carpenter, Electrician, Maintenance Repairer, Mobile Equipment Operator, Trades Apprentice, etc. The graph below shows SCS Skilled Trades Schedule midpoints as compared to median salaries for equivalent benchmark jobs in the public and private sectors. According to this data, the SCS Skilled Trades Schedule is, on average, $12.6 \%$ lower than competing public employers and $17.2 \%$ lower than competing private employers.

SCS Midpoints vs. Median Market Salaries for Benchmarked Jobs (WS)


The public and private sector include states in the southern region which consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Lovisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

## MEDICAL PAY SCHEDULE (MS)

A total of 57 jobs were benchmarked in the Medical Schedule which represents 1,087 classified employees as of January 1, 2016. Jobs in this category include Nurses, Psychologists, Therapists, etc. The graph below shows SCS Medical Schedule midpoints as compared to median salaries for equivalent benchmark jobs in the public and private sectors. According to this data, the SCS Medical Schedule is, on average, $8.9 \%$ lower than competing public employers and $14.1 \%$ lower than competing private employers.

SCS Midpoints vs. Median Market Salaries for Benchmarked Jobs (MS)


The public and private sector include states in the southern region which consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

# Market Lag Trends (2015-2016) <br> Public Sector 

## SCS Pay Schedule Midpoints vs. Median Market Salaries

The following charts show how SCS schedule midpoints have lagged the median salaries offered by public and private sector employers for benchmarked jobs in the last two years.

As compared to benchmarked jobs in the public sector, four of the six pay schedules have fallen further behind the market since 2015 by amounts ranging from 3.7 percentage points for technical and scientific occupations to 6.5 percentage points for administrative occupations.

SCS Pay Schedule Midpoints Lag - Public Sector Benchmarked Jobs Trends for 2015-2016


AS = Administrative Schedule
PS = Protective Services Schedule
SS = Social Services Schedule

TS = Technical \& Scientific Schedule WS = Skilled Trades Schedule
MS = Medical Schedule

## Market Lag Trends (2015-2016) <br> Private Sector

## SCS Pay Schedule Midpoints vs. Median Market Salaries

As compared to the private sector, four of the six pay schedules have fallen further behind the market since 2015 by amounts ranging from 0.1 of a percentage point for administrative occupations to 1.6 percentage points for technical and scientific occupations.

SCS Pay Schedule Midpoints Lag - Private Sector Benchmarked Jobs Trends for 2015-2016


AS = Administrative Schedule
PS = Protective Services Schedule
SS = Social Services Schedule

TS = Technical \& Scientific Schedule
WS = Skilled Trades Schedule
MS = Medical Schedule

## Median Salary Comparisons

## SCS Classified Median Salaries vs. Median Market Salaries

## METHODOLOGY

The following methodology is used for the next six charts to compare actual State Civil Service (SCS) classified median salaries to median market salaries for comparable benchmark jobs. For a closer look at specific jobs and their median salaries, Appendix C provides individual job "snapshots" for some of the benchmarked jobs in each pay schedule.

SCS classified jobs were matched to benchmark jobs in the public and private sectors. Only those SCS benchmark jobs that were matched in both the public and private sectors were included in this analysis.

A median salary was identified for each SCS benchmark classified job.

> Median salaries were identified for each corresponding benchmark job that was matched in both the public and private sectors.

Actual SCS classified median salaries for benchmarked jobs were averaged to show a single value representative of the pay schedule. The median salaries of the jobs matched to SCS benchmarks in each sector were also averaged to provide a single value for comparison.

The lag of actual SCS median salaries was calculated by dividing the actual average SCS classified median by the average median for the applicable sector, and then subtracting that number from 100\%.

## RESULTS

As of January 1, 2016, the average median salaries of SCS classified employees lag the average median salaries for equivalent benchmark jobs in the public sector by amounts ranging from $7.4 \%$ to $23.2 \%$. The average median salaries of SCS classified employees lag the average median salaries for equivalent benchmark jobs in the private sector by amounts ranging from $15.0 \%$ to $26.1 \%$.

Market Lag of SCS Employees' Average Median Salaries for Benchmarked Jobs


AS = Administrative Schedule
PS = Protective Services Schedule
SS = Social Services Schedule

TS = Technical \& Scientific Schedule
WS = Skilled Trades Schedule
MS = Medical Schedule

120<br>Benchmark Jobs<br>6,600<br>Classified Employees within Benchmark jobs<br>$25.5 \%$ Lag<br>Private Sector Median Salaries

## ADMINISTRATIVE PAY SCHEDULE (AS)

A total of 120 jobs in the Administrative Schedule were benchmarked in both the public and private sectors, which represents 6,600 classified employees as of January 1, 2016. The graph below shows the average SCS median salary for classified employees in the Administrative Schedule as compared to the average median salaries for equivalent benchmark jobs in the public and private sectors.

According to this data, the average median salary for SCS classified employees in the Administrative Schedule is approximately $23.2 \%$ lower than competing public employers and $25.5 \%$ lower than competing private employers for benchmarked jobs.

SCS Median Annual Salaries vs. Market Median Annual Salaries (AS) For Benchmarked Jobs


The public and private sector include states in the southern region which consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

## PROTECTIVE SERVICES PAY SCHEDULE (PS)

A total of six jobs in the Protective Services Schedule were benchmarked in both the public and private sectors which represents 428 classified employees as of January 1, 2016. The graph below shows the average SCS median salary for classified employees in the Protective Services Schedule as compared to the average median salaries for equivalent benchmark jobs in the public and private sectors.

According to this data, the average median salary for SCS classified employees in the Protective Services Schedule is approximately $19.6 \%$ lower than competing public employers and $26.1 \%$ lower than competing private employers for benchmarked jobs.

SCS Median Annual Salaries vs. Market Median Annual Salaries (PS) For Benchmarked Jobs


The public and private sector include states in the southern region which consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

5,868

10
Benchmark Jobs
23.9\% log

Private Sector Median Salaries

## SOCIAL SERVICES PAY SCHEDULE (SS)

A total of 10 jobs in the Social Services Schedule were benchmarked in both the public and private sectors which represents 340 classified employees as of January 1, 2016. The graph below shows the average SCS median salary for classified employees in the Social Services Schedule as compared to the average median salaries for equivalent benchmark jobs in the public and private sectors.

According to this data, the average median salary for SCS classified employees in the Social Services Schedule is approximately $12.8 \%$ lower than competing public employers and $23.9 \%$ lower than competing private employers for benchmarked jobs.

SCS Median Annual Salaries vs. Market Median Annual Salaries (SS) For Benchmarked Jobs


The public and private sector include states in the southern region which consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

## TECHNICAL \& SCIENTIFIC PAY SCHEDULE (TS)

A total of 67 jobs in the Technical and Scientific Schedule were benchmarked in both the public and private sectors which represents 1,985 classified employees as of January 1, 2016. The graph below shows the average SCS median salary for classified employees in the Technical and Scientific Schedule as compared to the average median salaries for equivalent benchmark jobs in the public and private sectors.

According to this data, the average median salary for SCS classified employees in the Technical and Scientific Schedule is approximately $10.7 \%$ lower than competing public employers and $15.3 \%$ lower than competing private employers for benchmarked jobs.

SCS Median Annual Salaries vs. Market Median Annual Salaries (TS)
For Benchmarked Jobs


The public and private sector include states in the southern region which consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

## SKILLED TRADES PAY SCHEDULE (WS)

A total of 47 jobs in the Skilled Trades Schedule were benchmarked in both the public and private sectors which represents 3,196 classified employees as of January 1, 2016. The graph below shows the average SCS median salary for classified employees in the Skilled Trades Schedule as compared to the average median salaries for equivalent benchmark jobs in the public and private sectors.

According to this data, the average median salary for SCS classified employees in the Skilled Trades Schedule is approximately $10.7 \%$ lower than competing public employers and $19.5 \%$ lower than competing private employers for benchmarked jobs.

SCS Median Annual Salaries vs. Market Median Annual Salaries (WS) For Benchmarked Jobs


The public and private sector include states in the southern region which consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.
7.4\% Lag

Public Sector Median Salaries
$15.0 \%$ Log
Private Sector Median Salaries

## MEDICAL PAY SCHEDULE (MS)

A total of 37 jobs in the Medical Schedule were benchmarked in both the public and private sectors which represents 979 classified employees as of January 1, 2016. The graph below shows the average SCS median salary for classified employees in the Medical Schedule as compared to the average median salaries for equivalent benchmark jobs in the public and private sectors.

According to this data, the average median salary for SCS classified employees in the Medical Schedule is approximately $7.4 \%$ lower than competing public employers and $15.0 \%$ lower than competing private employers for benchmarked jobs.

SCS Median Annual Salaries vs. Market Median Annual Salaries (MS) For Benchmarked Jobs


The public and private sector include states in the southern region which consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

## Median Salary Lag Trends (2015-2016) Public Sector

## SCS Median Salaries vs. Median Market Salaries

The following charts show how SCS median salaries have lagged the median salaries offered by public and private sector employers for benchmarked jobs in the last two years.

As compared to benchmarked jobs in the public sector, median salaries for employees in four of the six pay schedules have fallen further behind the market since 2015 by amounts ranging from 1.0 percentage point for social services occupations to 11.0 percentage points for administrative occupations.

SCS Median Salary Lag - Public Sector Benchmarked Jobs Trends for 2015-2016


AS = Administrative Schedule
PS = Protective Services Schedule
SS = Social Services Schedule

TS = Technical \& Scientific Schedule
WS = Skilled Trades Schedule
MS = Medical Schedule

## Median Salary Lag Trends (2015-2016) Private Sector

## SCS Median Salaries vs. Median Market Salaries

The following charts show how SCS median salaries have lagged the median salaries offered by public and private sector employers for benchmarked jobs in the last two years.

As compared to benchmarked jobs in the public sector, median salaries for employees in three of the six pay schedules have fallen further behind the market since 2015 by amounts ranging from 0.7 of a percentage point for social services occupations to 3.0 percentage points for medical occupations.

SCS Median Salary Lag - Private Sector Benchmarked Jobs Trends for 2015-2016


AS = Administrative Schedule
PS = Protective Services Schedule
SS = Social Services Schedule

TS = Technical \& Scientific Schedule
WS = Skilled Trades Schedule
MS = Medical Schedule

## Percent into Pay Range Analysis of SCS Classified Salaries

To assist in determining the competiveness of SCS pay schedules, the actual pay of employees and how those salaries fall within the pay ranges should be taken into consideration. For example, if the majority of employees are clustered around the maximums of their respective pay ranges, this data helps support raising pay range maximums. Percent into range data was collected for the last five years for all classified employees in all pay schedules.

The data indicates that the salaries of the classified workforce have remained relatively static for the las $t$ five years in regard to percent into range. It is assumed that this is due to economic conditions, retirements of senior employees, and the inability of state agencies to grant performance adjustments for several years. On average, the actual pay for a majority of the classified workforce (59.9\%) has been between the minimums and the midpoints of their respective pay ranges since 2009. These figures remain consistent for 2016.

Percent into Pay Range of SCS Classified Salaries

(as of January 1, 2016)
2.1\%

Minimum


As of January 1, 2016, the actual pay of approximately $56.7 \%$ of the classified workforce was between the minimums and midpoints of their respective pay ranges. Approximately $39.5 \%$ of employees were clustered between the first quartiles and the midpoints of their respective pay ranges, and $30.0 \%$ of employees fall between the midpoint and the third quartile. $15.1 \%$ of employees were between the minimums and the first quartiles of their respective pay ranges, and even fewer employees (10.0\%) were between the third quartiles and the range maximums. Overall, a very small percent of employees (2.1\%) were at the range minimums. Only $3.3 \%$ of employees were at or above the pay range maximums.

## Turnover Statistics

Each fiscal year in the fall, SCS prepares an Annual Turnover Report that provides an analysis of the number of classified employees serving in non-temporary positions who are separated from state classified service during the fiscal year. Data throughout the report are categorized as Total Turnover, Involuntary Turnover, or Voluntary Turnover.

Voluntary Turnover
Separations from state service due to resignation, retirement, or death.

## Involuntary Turnover

Separations from state service through dismissal, layoff, separation during probationary period, or nondisciplinary removal.

## Total Turnover

Voluntary Turnover + Involuntary Turnover.

The voluntary turnover rate includes those individuals that may have separated for pay reasons, and therefore, should be considered when evaluating the competitiveness of SCS pay ranges.

Layoffs are included in involuntary turnover, which provides some insight into the financial ability of agencies to implement pay structure improvements. For this reason, it is important to review both voluntary and involuntary turnover rates.

The turnover report for FY 2015-2016 analyzes the number of nontemporary classified employees in state service on June 30, 2016, compared to the number of nontemporary classified employees who have separated from state service during the previous twelve months.

Both total and voluntary turnover rates have increased since last fiscal year. The statewide total turnover rate for FY 2015-2016 was $16.79 \%$. This is a slight increase of 0.70 of a percentage point from FY 20142015. The statewide voluntary turnover rate for FY 2015-2016 was $13.14 \%$. This is a slight increase of 0.76 of a percentage point from FY 2014-2015.

## Voluntary \& Total Turnover <br> FY 2015-2016

The following chart represents the total turnover and voluntary turnover by SCS pay schedule for non-temporary classified employees for FY 2015-2016. The Protective Services Schedule saw the highest total turnover rate at 28.76\%, with a voluntary turnover rate of $20.85 \%$.

Voluntary and Total Turnover by SCS Classified Pay Schedule FY 2015-2016


| Pay <br> Schedule | \# of <br> Incumbents | Total Turnover <br> Count | Total Turnover <br> $\mathbf{\%}$ | Voluntary <br> Turnover Count | Voluntary <br> Turnover \% |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AS | 11,388 | 1,252 | $10.99 \%$ | 1,105 | $9.70 \%$ |
| MS | 2,583 | 625 | $24.19 \%$ | 462 | $17.88 \%$ |
| PS | 5,827 | 1,676 | $28.76 \%$ | 1,215 | $20.85 \%$ |
| SS | 5,886 | 1,063 | $18.05 \%$ | 837 | $14.22 \%$ |
| TS | 4,628 | 372 | $8.03 \%$ | 344 | $7.43 \%$ |
| WS | 6,051 | 1,077 | $17.79 \%$ | 778 | $12.85 \%$ |

Incumbent counts as of 6-30-2016
Statewide total ( $16.79 \%$ ) and voluntary turnover ( $13.14 \%$ ) percentages were calculated to include classified separations ( 42 total) from SCS job titles that no longer existed at the close of the fiscal year. Turnover cannot be assigned to a pay schedule for these separations and thus, are not included in the chart above.

## Voluntary Turnover Trends <br> FY 2014－2015 \＆FY 2015－2016

Five of the six SCS classified pay schedules saw an increase in voluntary turnover since FY 2014－2015．The Protective Services Schedule（PS）had the largest increase in voluntary turnover（＋2．79pp）in the amount of $20.85 \%$ in FY 2015－2016．

Voluntary Turnover by SCS Classified Pay Schedule Trends for FY 2014－2015 and FY 2015－2016


## Total Turnover Trends <br> FY 2014－2015 \＆FY 2015－2016

Five of the six SCS classified pay schedules saw an increase in total turnover since FY 2014－2015．The Protective Services Schedule（PS）had the largest increase in total turnover（＋3．37pp）in the amount of $28.76 \%$ in FY 2015－2016．

## Total Turnover by SCS Classified Pay Schedule Trends for FY 2014－2015 and FY 2015－2016



## Turnover Due to Retirements <br> FY 2015-2016

Turnover due to retirements falls within the category of voluntary turnover. There were 1,392 retirements in FY 2015-2016 that contributed to the statewide voluntary turnover rate for the year. This is a decrease of $8.54 \%$ from the number of retirements $(1,522)$ that occurred in FY 2014-2015.

The following chart represents the number of retirements by SCS pay schedule for FY 2015-2016.

Number of Retirements by SCS Pay Schedule for FY 2015-2016


Note that retirements by pay schedule do not include retirement counts from SCS job titles that no longer existed at the close of the fiscal year. Retirement separations cannot be assigned to a pay schedule for these separations and thus, are not included in the chart above. The total number of retirements by pay schedule is shown as 1,391.

## Turnover: Additional Information

## Top 10 SCS Classified Job Titles with Highest Turnover FY 2015-2016

| Job Title | Sep Count | Job Title | Sep Count |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Corrections Cadet | 548 | 6. Child Welfare Spec 1 | 55 |
| 2. Residential Services Spec 1 | 145 | 7. Laborer | 22 |
| 3. Juvenile Justice Spec 1 | 92 | 8. Social Services Analyst 1 | 48 |
| 4. Nursing Assistant 2 | 150 | 9. Custodian 1 | 94 |
| 5. Child Welfare Spec Trainee | 35 | 10. Practical Nurse/Licensed 2 | 33 |
| Top 10 SCS Classified Jobs with Largest Number of Retirements FY 2015-2016 |  |  |  |
| Job Title | Sep Count | Job Title | Sep Count |
| 1. Administrative Coordinator 3 | 57 | 6. Administrative Assistant 4 | 26 |
| 2. Corrections Sergeant - Mstr | 53 | 7. Administrative Coordinator 2 | 221 |
| 3. Administrative Coord 4 | 45 | 8. Registered Nurse 3 | 19 |
| 4. Social Services Analyst 2 | 29 | 9. Administrative Assistant 3 | 18 |
| 5. Custodian 2 | 26 | 10. Admin Prog Spec A | 16 |

# ECONOMIC OUTLOOK INFORMATION 

To assist in determining the competitiveness of the SCS classified pay structures, the state's current and future economic conditions must be taken into consideration. Employment in Lovisiana is expected to grow by 7.1\% by 2024. However, the labor force participation in Louisiana decreased by $2.1 \%$ during 2015 and the unemployment rate increased to $6.3 \%$ in 2016 . Low oil prices are contributing to these dismal figures as well as the anticipated loss of 700 jobs in Louisiana in 2017. Yet, it is expected that jobs will rebound with oil prices in 2018(Dejoie, 2016).

Since 2012, the Greater Baton Rouge Industrial Alliance (GBRIA) has documented $\$ 134.8$ billion in new industrial expansions/additions in Louisiana. Of this, only $\$ 59.2$ in projects are in progress or have been completed. Therefore, it is expected that several industrial projects will be underway in Lovisiana over the next two years totaling $\$ 74.6$ billion. For example, Yuhang Chemicals' $\$ 1.85$ billion project and Monsanto Chemicals' $\$ 1$ billion project are expected to begin construction at the end of 2016 (Scott and Collins, 2016).

Most of the completed and potential industrial and construction expansions in Lovisiana are
centered about the Lake Charles and Baton Rouge areas. As a result, construction employment increased by $19.5 \%$ from 2013 to 2015 in Baton Rouge and increased by $46.9 \%$ in Lake Charles (Dejoie, 2016).

Although job growth in industrial and construction industries are expected to fluctuate for the next two years, the healthcare industry in New Orleans will continue to see steady growth. In 2015-2016, the new University Medical Center added an estimated 1,100 jobs, and the new Veteran's Administration Hospital is slated for completion at the end of 2016. This hospital is expected to add 1,100 new healthcare jobs. Lastly, Ochsner Medical Center has embarked on a $\$ 250$ million expansion, which will last through 2018. This construction will generate 1,087 jobs starting in 2017 (Scott and Collins, 2016).

Additionally, the impact of the Great Flood of 2016 on Lovisiana's economy is yet to be determined. However, economist Loren Scott has stated that, "If anything, we are expecting an uptick in construction employment as all the insurance, FEMA and SBA monies begin flowing into the region for the rebuilding area."

## ECONOMIC OUTLOOK INFORMATION



1. CASHIERS
2. RETAIL SALEPERSONS
3. WAITERS AND WAITRESSES
4. REGISTERED NURSES
5. LABORERS \& FREIGHT, STOCK \& MATERIAL MOVERS
6. FOOD PREPARATION WORKERS
7. COMBINED FOOD PREPARATION AND SERVING WORKERS, INCLUDING FAST FOOD
8. PERSONAL CARE AIDES
9. GENERAL \& OPERATIONS MANAGERS
10. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORKERS, GENERAL
11. OFFICE CLERKS, GENERAL
12. STOCK CLERKS \& ORDER FILLERS
13. JANITORS \& CLEANERS, EXCEPT MAIDS \& HOUSEKEEPING CLEANERS
14. NURSING ASSISTANTS
15. LICENSED PRACTICAL \& LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSES
16. CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVES
17. FIRST-LINE SUPERVISORS OF RETAIL SALES WORKERS
18. SALES REPRESENTATIVES, WHOLESALE \& MANUFACTURING, EXCEPT TECHNICAL \& SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTS
19. FIRST-LINE SUPERVISORS OF FOOD PREPARTION AND SERVING WORKERS
20. HOME HEALTH AIDES
21. WELDERS, CUTTERS, SOLDERERS, \& BRAZERS
22. HEAVY \& TRACTOR-TRAILER TRUCK DRIVERS
23. COOKS, RESTAURANT
24. CARPENTERS
25. MAIDS AND HOUSEKEEPING CLEANERS
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## ECONOMIC OUTLOOK INFORMATION



## SCS Structure Adjustment and Recommendation History

Louisiana's state budget has experienced challenges for the past several years. As a result, SCS pay schedules have not been adjusted since 2007. In 2007, the State Civil Service Commission and the Governor approved a \$0.72/hour increase for all classified employees and at least a $7 \%$ increase to the minimums for all pay schedules in an effort to bring the pay schedules more in alignment with the increase in the federal
minimum wage. In addition, maximums for all schedules were increased by amounts ranging from 10\%-14\%.

Due to budgetary concerns of state government, SCS has not recommended any pay structure adjustments from 2009-2016. Appendix D provides additional structure adjustment and general increase history.

## CONCLUSION

The research and analysis performed by the Compensation Division of the Department of State Civil Service indicate that the state's classified pay schedules continue to lag behind prevailing rates used by private and public employers in the relevant employment market. In addition, actual median salaries of classified employees lag median salaries of employees in comparable jobs for both the public and private sectors.

This report indicates that SCS pay schedules lag comparable public sector jobs by $4.9 \%$ to $22.6 \%$ and lag comparable private sector jobs by $13.0 \%$ to $28.2 \%$. When comparing these figures to last year, the data shows that pay schedules have fallen further behind the public and private sectors. As compared to the public sector, the lag has increased for four of the six pay schedules by amounts ranging from 3.7 to 6.5 percentage points. As compared to the private sector, the lag has increased for four of the six pay schedules by amounts ranging from 0.1 to 1.6 percentage points.

This report also shows that the actual median salaries of SCS classified employees in benchmarked jobs lag those of employees in comparable jobs for the public sector by $7.4 \%$ to $23.2 \%$ and the private sector by $15.0 \%$ to $26.1 \%$. In reviewing the distribution of actual salaries of classified employees within the respective SCS pay ranges, overall, the employees are well encompassed within the current pay ranges. The majority of classified employees (56.7\%) are clustered between the minimums and the midpoints of their respective pay ranges.

Voluntary turnover and total turnover rates have increased for five of the six classified pay schedules since FY 2014-2015. The Protective Services Schedule had the greatest number of incumbents that separated from the classified service. However, the Administrative Schedule had the largest number of retirements.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2016 Annual Pay Plan Review indicates a continued lagging of classified pay ranges behind salaries offered by market competitors. In addition, actual salaries of employees in benchmark jobs fall behind salaries of their counterparts in both the public and private sectors. Trends indicate that these problems are growing with each passing year.

The Department created a study group last year in order to provoke discussion and gain feedback regarding the relative health of the classified pay schedules, compensation methods currently allowable by Civil Service rules, and the practices currently relating to performance adjustments. This study group included representatives of the SCS Commission, the Division of Administration, the Governor's office, and the Legislature.

The findings and recommendations for action from the study group were as follows:
(1) Reduce/redesign classifications
(2) Realign pay structures with the market
(3) Consider a pay mechanism that will bring greater alignment between employee performance and pay
(4) Reevaluate discretionary pay mechanisms

Currently, there are a number of classifications with few or no incumbents. The first phase of the study group project would be to redesign the classification plan to better fit the jobs of today's classified workforce in order to accommodate a clearer career progression path as well as positively impact workforce development and succession planning initiatives. Once the new classification plan is established, SCS will review the competiveness of the assigned pay ranges and make recommendations based on the results in an effort to realign pay structures with the market.

The budgetary concerns of the state has resulted in many employees not receiving a performance adjustment for several years. This has resulted in retention issues in some areas. For example, classified engineers have sustained stagnant salaries while the salaries of their private sector counterparts continue to increase. In an effort to alleviate this strain on the classified system, the study group project will involve redesigning how performance adjustments and discretionary pay mechanisms are distributed to employees.

In consideration of the data presented in this report, it is apparent that classified employees in protective services jobs have the greatest disparity in actual salaries as compared to their public and private sector counterparts. This assertion is also supported by having the largest turnover in the PS schedule. Although there is evidence of some volatility in the salary lag percentages from year to year due to a small number of PS benchmark jobs, the local and national attention on public safety combined with competition from other local law enforcement entities
outside of the State Civil Service system prompts the Department to provide a recommendation to the SCS Commission and the Governor for PS occupations. Additionally, due to the lack of performance adjustments for several years resulting in increased pay compression between new and current classified employees, it is also recommended that the SCS Commission work with the Governor to consider providing a mechanism for an across the board salary increase to employees in all pay schedules.

# Appendix A SCS Classified Jobs Starting Below Current Federal Minimum Wage 

ADMINISTRATIVE SCHEDULE (AS)<br>Recreation Aide<br>Student Residence Houseparent<br>MEDICAL SCHEDULE (MS)<br>Patient Escort 1<br>Patient Escort 2<br>Nursing Unit Aide<br>\section*{SOCIAL SERVICES SCHEDULE (SS)}<br>Psychiatric Aide 1<br>Residential Services Specialist 1<br>\section*{SKILLED TRADES SCHEDULE (WS)}<br>Barber<br>Beautician 1<br>Custodian 1<br>Custodian 2<br>Food Service Specialist 1<br>Food Service Specialist 2<br>Laborer<br>Laundry Worker 1<br>Laundry Worker 2<br>Research Farm Assistant 1<br>Seamstress

Note that all employees in these titles are paid in accordance with the federal minimum wage of at least $\$ 7.25 /$ hour.

## Appendix B Benchmark Job Titles

## ADMINISTRATIVE OCCUPATIONS

Accountant 1
Accountant 2
Accountant 3
Accountant 4
Accountant Admin 3
Accountant Admin 4
Accountant Admin 5
Accountant Mgr 1
Accountant Mgr 2
Accountant Mgr 3
Accountant Mgr 4
Accountant Supv 1
Accountant Supv 2
Accounting Spec 1
Accounting Spec 2
Accounting Tech
Admin Asst 2
Admin Asst 3
Admin Asst 5
Admin Asst 6
Admin Coord 1
Admin Coord 2
Admin Coord 3
Admin Coord 4
Admin Law Jdg-Adv
Admin Prog Dir 2
Admin Prog Dir 3
Admin Prog Mgr 1
Admin Prog Mgr 2
Admin Prog Mgr 3
Admin Prog Spec A
Admin Supv 1
Admin Supv 2
Agri Market Inter Spec
Architect Historian 2
Archives Spec B
Attorney 1
Attorney 2
Attorney 3
Attorney Supv

| Attor Dep Gen Coun 2 | HR Consultant A |
| :--- | :--- |
| Attor Gen Coun 1 | HR Consultant B |
| Attor Gen Coun 2 | HR Consultant C |
| Audit Director 2 | HR Consultant Spec |
| Audit Manager | HR Director D |
| Auditor 1 | HR Div Admin |
| Auditor 2 | HR Manager A |
| Auditor 3 | HR Manager B |
| Auditor 4 | HR Specialist |
| Auditor Supv | HR Supervisor |
| Budget Admin 2 | Insurance Spec 2 |
| Budget Analyst 1 | Interpretive Ranger 2 |
| Budget Analyst 2 | Land Spec 1 |
| Budget Analyst 3 | Land Spec 2 |
| Budget Analyst 4 | Land Spec 3 |
| Budget Manager | Land Spec 4 |
| Business Dev Officer 1 | Librarian 2 |
| Comm Dev Prog Spec 3 | Librarian 3 |
| Compliance Exam 2 | Library Spec 2 |
| Compliance Exam Rev | Library Spec 3 |
| Compliance Prog Spec 2 | Mgmt Analyst 2 |
| Compliance Prog Spec 3 | Marketing Rep 1 |
| Contr/Gnts Rev 2 | Marketing Rep 2 |
| Contr/Gnts Rev 3 | Marketing Rep Supv |
| Cont/Gnts Rev Mgr | Mot Veh Comp Analyst 2 |
| Curator 2 | Museum Dir/Branch |
| Curator 3 | ORS Spec 2 |
| Economist 3 | OSHA Ind Hth Hyg Cons |
| Economist 4-A | OSHA Occup Saf Cons |
| Educ Prog Cons 2 | Paralegal 1 |
| Exec Mgmt Officer 1 | Paralegal 2 |
| Exec Staff Officer | Park Manager 1 |
| Graphic Artist | Park Manager 2 |
| Grp Ben Analyst 1 | Photographer 2 |
| Grp Ben Analyst 2 | Photographer 3 |
| Grp Ben Manager | Policy Planner 2 |
| HR Analyst A | Procurement Dir 4-Ex |
| HR Analyst B | Procurement Mgr 1-EX |
| HR Analyst C | Procurement Spec 1 |
| HR Asst Div Admin | Procurement Spec 2 |
| Con |  |

Attor Dep Gen Coun $2 \quad$ HR Consultant A
Attor Gen Coun 1
Attor Gen Coun 2
Audit Director 2
Audit Manager
Auditor 1
Auditor 2
Auditor 3
Auditor 4
Auditor Supv
Budget Admin 2
Budget Analyst 1
Budget Analyst 2
Budget Analyst 3
Budget Analyst 4
Budget Manager
Business Dev Officer 1
Comm Dev Prog Spec 3
Compliance Exam 2
Compliance Exam Rev
Compliance Prog Spec 2
Compliance Prog Spec 3
Contr/Gnts Rev 2
Contr/Gnts Rev 3
Cont/Gnts Rev Mgr
Curator 2
Curator 3
Economist 3
Economist 4-A
Educ Prog Cons 2
Exec Mgmt Officer 1
Exec Staff Officer
Graphic Artist
Grp Ben Analyst 1
Grp Ben Analyst 2
Grp Ben Manager
HR Analyst A
HR Analyst $B$
HR Analyst C
HR Asst Div Admin

HR Consultant B
HR Consultant C
HR Consultant Spec
HR Director D
HR Div Admin
HR Manager A
HR Manager B
HR Specialist
HR Supervisor
Insurance Spec 2
Interpretive Ranger 2
Land Spec 1
Land Spec 2
Land Spec 3
Land Spec 4
Librarian 2
Librarian 3
Library Spec 2
Library Spec 3
Mgmt Analyst 2
Marketing Rep 1
Marketing Rep 2
Marketing Rep Supv
Mot Veh Comp Analyst 2
Museum Dir/Branch
ORS Spec 2
OSHA Ind Hth Hyg Cons
OSHA Occup Saf Cons
Paralegal 1
Paralegal 2
Park Manager 1
Park Manager 2
Photographer 2
Photographer 3
Policy Planner 2
Procurement Dir 4-Ex
Procurement Mgr 1-EX
Procurement Spec 1
Procurement Spec 2

## ADMINISTRATIVE OCCUPATIONS (continued)

Procurement Spec 3
Procurement Spec 4-EX
Pub Health Ex Dir
Pub Info Director 1
Pub Info Director 2
Pub Info Director 3
Pub Info Officer 1
Pub Info Officer 2
Pub Info Officer 3
Purchasing Tech 1
Purchasing Tech 2
Retire Ben Analyst 2
Retire Ben Analyst 3
Rev Tax Analyst 2
Rev Tax Auditor 2
Warehouse Supv
Work Dev Spec 2
Work Dev Spec 8
Wrk Comp Med Svs Mgr

## MEDICAL OCCUPATIONS

Dental Asst 2
Dental Hygienist
Dentist
EKG Tech 2
Emer Med Tech/Basic
Health Info Dir 2
Health Info Dir 4/AC
Health Info Inpt Coder
Health Info Processor 2
Hosp Admissions Tech 2
Lab Tech 2
Medical Assistant
Med Cert Spec 1
Medical Cytotech 2
Med Lab Mgr 2
Med Tab Techno 2
Med Sonog 2
Nuclear Med Tech Supv
Nursing Asst 1
Nursing Asst 2

Right of Way Agent 2
Right of Way Agent 3
Right of Way Agent 7
Right of Way Appraiser 3
Safety Prog Coordinator
Safety Risk Agency Dir
Safety Risk Agency Mgr
Safety/Emerg Prep Coor
St Budg Mgmt Analyst 2
St Loss Prev Officer 1
St Risk Adjuster 2
St Risk Adjuster 3
St Risk Adjuster 5
St Risk Adjuster 6
St Risk Director

Occup Therp 2
Occup Therp Mgr
Occup Therp Asst 2
Patient Escort 2
PH Lab Dir
PH Lab Sci 1
PH Lab Sci 2
PH Lab Sci 3
Pharmacist 2
Pharmacist 3
Pharmacist 7
Pharm Tech 2
Phlebotomist 2
Phys Therp 2
Phys Therp Asst
Phys Therp Mgr
Phys Therp Tech
Physicians Asst
Prac Nurse/Lic 2
Psychologist 3

St Risk Underwriter 1
St Risk Underwriter 2
St Risk Underwriter 3
St Risk Under Mgr
St Risk Under Supv
Statistician 2
Tax Commission Spec 2
Train/Dev Prg Mgr
Train/Dev Prg Staf Mgr 2
Train/Dev Spec 1
Train/Dev Spec 2
Train/Dev Spec 3
TV Producer
Utilities Spec 2
Warehouse Mgr

Rad Tech Mgr
Rad Tech Supv
Rad Ther Tech 2
Rad Ther Tech 3
Rad Ther Tech Supv
Rad Technologist 2
Reg Diet/Nutr Svcs Adm
Reg Dietician
RN 2
RN Adv Practice
RN Dir Nursing B
RN Mgr-House
RN Supv A
RN Supv B
RN Manager
RN Prog Coord
Speech/Aud Spec 2
Speech/Aud Spec 3
Surgical Tech 2
Veterinarian

## PROTECTIVE SERVICES OCCUPATIONS

Corr Sgt-Mstr
Corr Captain
Corr Lieutenant
Corr Sergeant
Crim Investigator 2
Guard
Guard Supv

Juv Just Spec 2
Park Ranger 2
Police Chief A
Police Major A
Police Officer 2A
Police Officer 3A
Police Sergeant A

Prison Enter Supv
Prob/Par Officer 2/Ad
Prob/Par Supv/Ad
PSC Enf Agent 2
ST Fire Mar Dep 2
Wildlf Enf Agent

## SOCIAL SERVICES OCCUPATIONS

Assoc 3/Psychol
Clinical Chaplain 1
Clinical Chaplain 2
Clinical Chaplain 4
Corr Class Off 2
Fraud Investigator 2
Habilitation Instr 1

Habilitation Instr 3
Health Educator
Licensing Spec 2
Nutrition Educator 2
Prof Counselor 2
Psych Aide 2
Rehab Counselor

Resid Svcs Spec 2
Soc Serv Analyst 2
Soc Serv Couns 2
Soc Serv Couns 5-A
Social Worker 2
Ther Rec Spec 2

## TECHNICAL \& SCIENTIFIC OCCUPATIONS

Argi Enviro Spec 2
Agri Spec 2
Architect 1
Architect 2
Architect 3
Architect 5
Biologist 1
Biologist 2
Biologist DCL-B
Biologist Supv
Con Enf Spec 2
Crime Rec Analyst 2
Crime Lab Analyst 2
Engineer 3
Engineer 4
Engineer 5
Engineer 5/DCL
Engineer 7
Engineer 9
Engineer 9 DOTD
Eng Tech 2
Eng Tech 3
Eng Tech 4
Engineer Intern 1

Env Chem Spec 1
Env Chem Spec 2
Env Chem Spec 3
Env Chem Spec Adv
Env Chem Spec Staff
Env Scientist 2
Env Scientist 3
Fac Proj Plan 1
Fac Proj Plan 2
Fac Proj Plan 3
Forest Prog Spec
Geologist 1
Geologist 2
Geologist 3
Geologist DCL
IT App Manager 1
IT App Prog 1
IT App Prog 2
IT App Prog/Anyl 1
IT App Prog/Anyl 2
IT App Prog/Anyl 3DCL
IT App Proj Ldr
IT Dir 2
IT Dir 3

IT Equip Oper 1
IT Equip Oper 2
IT Equip Oper 3
IT Geo Asst Sup Anyl
IT Geo Project Supv
IT Geo Sen Supp Anyl
IT Geo Supp Anyl
IT Geo Tech Spec/DCL
IT Liaison Off 2
IT Mgmt Cons 1
IT Mgmt Cons 2 DCL
IT Oper Shift Supv
IT Prod Control Tech 2
IT Prod Control Tech 3
IT Stwd Project Ldr
IT Stwd Project Officer
IT Stwd Syst Anyl 2
IT Stwd Syst Mgr
IT Stwd Syst Prog Anl
IT Tech Supp Anyl 1
IT Tech Supp Anyl 2
IT Tech Supp Cons/DCL
IT Tech Supp Mgr
IT Tech Supp Spec 1

## TECHNICAL \& SCIENTIFIC OCCUPATIONS (continued)

| IT Tech Supp Spec 2 | Landscape Archt Chief |
| :--- | :--- |
| IT Tech Supp Spec 3 | Landscape Archt Intern |
| IT Tech Supp Supv | Prof Chemist 1 |
| IT Telecom Anl Mgr 1 | Prof Chemist 2 |
| IT Telecom Anl Mgr 2 | Prof Chemist 3 |
| IT Telecom Tech Anyl 1 | Prof Chemist Mgr |
| IT Telecom Tech Anyl 2 | Proj Anl 2 |
| Landscape Architect | Proj Mgr |

## SKILLED TRADES OCCUPATIONS

Aircraft Fleet Chf Pilot
Aircraft Mech 2
Aircraft Mech Supv
Aircraft Pilot 2
Carpenter
Carpenter Master
Concrete Finisher
Custodian 1
Custodian 2
Custodian Supv 3
Electrician
Electrician Master
Electronic Tech
Electronic Tech Adv
Electronic Tech TR
Fac Main Mgr B
Fac Main Mgr C
Food Svc Spec 1
Food Svc Spec 2
Food Svc Spec 3

Food Svc Spec 5
Food Svc Spec 6
Food Scv Spec 7
Helper
Hwy Foreman 1
Hort Attend
Hort Attend/Ldr
Housekeeper Supv
HVAC/Refrig Mstr Mech
HVAC/Refrig Mech Fore
HVAC/Refrig Mech
Laborer
Maint Super
Maint Foreman
Maint Repairer 1
Maint Repairer 2
Maint Repairer Mst
Mason
Mech Supv B
Mechanic 1

Pub Hth Epidem
Sanitarian 2
Surveyor 3
Surveyor 4
Surveyor 5
Surveyor Int 1
Wildlife/Fish Tech 2

Mechanic 2
Mechanic 3
Mechanic 4
Mob Eqp Oper 1/Hvy
Mob Eqp Oper 2/Hvy
Mob Equip Oper/Lg†
Mob Equip Oper 1
Operating Eng 2
Painter
Painter Master
Plumber/Pipefitter
Plumber/Pipefitter Ms $\dagger$
Police Radio Dispat
Print Master Oper
Printing Oper 1
Printing Oper 2
Printing Supv
Trade Apprentice
Welder
Welder Master

# Appendix C Benchmark Job Snapshots Median Salaries 

## Administrative Schedule

## Accountant 3

LA Median $\$ 51,688$
Public Median $\$ 70,186$
Private Median $\$ 72,098$
Range Midpoint \$49,182
\# of Incumbents 199

Accounting Technician
LA Median $\$ 36,899$
Public Median \$53,766
Private Median $\$ 46,865$
Range Midpoint $\$ 37,524$
\# of Incumbents 227
Administrative Assistant 3

| LA Median | $\$ 28,454$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Public Median | $\$ 42,539$ |
| Private Median | $\$ 46,041$ |
| Range Midpoint | $\$ 32,771$ |
| \# of Incumbents | 391 |

Administrative Coordinator 3
LA Median $\$ 28,995$
Public Median $\$ 40,479$
Private Median $\$ 41,912$
Range Midpoint \$32,771
\# of Incumbents 1,234
Administrative Coordinator 4

| LA Median | $\$ 35,110$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Public Median | $\$ 36,984$ |
| Private Median | $\$ 40,738$ |
| Range Midpoint | $\$ 37,524$ |
| \# of Incumbents | 879 |

LA Median
\$35,110
\$36,984
Private Median $\$ 40,738$
Range Midpoint \$37,524
\# of Incumbents 879

Administrative Program Spec A
LA Median $\$ 42,494$
Public Median $\$ 47,314$
Private Median $\$ 57,975$
Range Midpoint \$42,952
\# of Incumbents 295

## Attorney 3

LA Median $\$ 69,430$
Public Median $\$ 135,000$
Private Median $\$ 146,600$
Range Midpoint $\$ 68,984$
\# of Incumbents 147

HR Analyst C
LA Median \$50,409
Public Median $\$ 69,422$
Private Median $\$ 72,203$
Range Midpoint \$49,182
\# of Incumbents 110

## Library Specialist 3

LA Median $\$ 29,037$
Public Median \$35,100
Private Median $\$ 37,500$
Range Midpoint $\$ 37,524$
\# of Incumbents 65

Procurement Specialist 3
LA Median \$41,787
Public Median $\$ 62,372$
Private Median $\$ 65,530$
Range Midpoint $\$ 42,952$
\# of Incumbents 31

## Medical Schedule

## Nursing Assistant 2

LA Median
Public Median $\quad \$ 25,200$
Private Median $\$ 26,600$
Range Midpoint \$25,127
\# of Incumbents 261
Pharmacist 3
LA Median \$107,765
Public Median \$105,500
Private Median \$113,000
Range Midpoint \$90,917
\# of Incumbents 22

Pharmacy Technician 2
LA Median \$34,382
Public Median $\$ 29,094$
Private Median $\$ 28,100$
Range Midpoint \$30,784
\# of Incumbents 35

Practical Nurse 2
LA Median $\$ 32,929$
Public Median $\$ 38,120$
Private Median $\$ 41,900$
Range Midpoint $\$ 35,246$
\# of Incumbents 88
Registered Nurse 2
LA Median $\$ 47,715$
Public Median $\$ 62,027$
Private Median $\$ 76,500$
Range Midpoint $\$ 52,905$
\# of Incumbents 47

## Registered Nurse Supervisor A

LA Median \$68,515
Public Median $\quad \$ 77,200$
Private Median $\$ 81,400$
Range Midpoint $\quad \$ 64,813$
\# of Incumbents 185

## Protective Services Schedule

## Guard

LA Median $\quad \$ 24,107$
Public Median $\$ 26,986$
Private Median $\$ 24,308$
Range Midpoint $\$ 27,862$
\# of Incumbents 77
Police Officer 2-A
LA Median \$32,708
Public Median $\$ 35,741$
Private Median $\$ 34,505$
Range Midpoint \$39,094
\# of Incumbents 191

Police Officer 3-A
LA Median $\quad \$ 40,227$
Public Median $\$ 50,000$
Private Median $\$ 49,500$
Range Midpoint \$41,829
\# of Incumbents 150

## Social Services Schedule

| Health Educator |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| LA Median | $\$ 36,566$ |
| Public Median | $\$ 45,736$ |
| Private Median | $\$ 56,300$ |
| Range Midpoint | $\$ 40,144$ |
| \# of Incumbents | 17 |
|  |  |
| Psychiatric Aide 2 |  |
| LA Median | $\$ 25,334$ |
| Public Median | $\$ 27,038$ |
| Private Median | $\$ 29,000$ |
| Range Midpoint | $\$ 25,002$ |
| \# of Incumbents | 178 |
|  |  |
| Rehabilitation Counselor |  |
| LA Median | $\$ 46,134$ |
| Public Median | $\$ 55,600$ |
| Private Median | $\$ 58,100$ |
| Range Midpoint | $\$ 45,958$ |
| \# of Incumbents | 42 |

Social Worker 2
LA Median \$40,394
Public Median $\$ 46,802$
Private Median $\$ 56,600$
Range Midpoint $\$ 45,958$
\# of Incumbents 12

## Social Svc Counselor 2

LA Median $\$ 36,161$
Public Median $\$ 46,300$
Private Median $\$ 48,900$
Range Midpoint $\$ 40,144$
\# of Incumbents 28
Therapeutic Recreation Spec 2
LA Median $\$ 34,694$
Public Median $\$ 41,872$
Private Median $\$ 49,100$
Range Midpoint \$37,524
\# of Incumbents 38

## Technical and Scientific Schedule

## Biologist 2

LA Median
Public Median
Private Median
Range Midpoint
\# of Incumbents
\$34,570
\$47,226
$\$ 49,900$
\$47,809
31
Engineer Intern 1
LA Median $\$ 46,946$
Public Median $\$ 54,232$
Private Median \$57,000
Range Midpoint \$51,158
\# of Incumbents 3232

## Engineering Technician 4

LA Median $\$ 42,619$
Public Median $\$ 53,000$
Private Median $\$ 56,100$
Range Midpoint $\$ 44,679$
\# of Incumbents 217

## Engineer 4

LA Median $\$ 70,000$
Public Median $\$ 71,516$
Private Median $\$ 79,400$
Range Midpoint \$67,049
\# of Incumbents 69

## Technical and Scientific Schedule (continued)

## Environmental Scientist 3

| LA Median | $\$ 47,694$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Public Median | $\$ 66,200$ |
| Private Median | $\$ 70,300$ |
| Range Midpoint | $\$ 54,735$ |
| \# of Incumbents | 221 |
|  |  |
| IT Applications |  |
| Programmer/Analyst 2 |  |
| LA Median | $\$ 60,996$ |
| Public Median | $\$ 83,034$ |
| Private Median | $\$ 8,074$ |
| Range Midpoint | $\$ 58,562$ |
| \# of Incumbents | 96 |

IT Management Consultant 1

| LA Median | $\$ 75,192$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Public Median | $\$ 72,156$ |
| Private Median | $\$ 78,143$ |
| Range Midpoint | $\$ 67,049$ |
| \# of Incumbents | 63 |

## IT Technical Support

Specialist 3
LA Median $\$ 63,731$
Public Median $\quad \$ 70,720$
Private Median $\quad \$ 78,600$
Range Midpoint $\$ 62,660$
\# of Incumbents 189

## Skilled Trades Schedule

## Carpenter Master

LA Median $\$ 40,123$
Public Median $\$ 43,400$
Private Median $\$ 44,000$
Range Midpoint $\$ 41,163$
\# of Incumbents 57

## Custodian 2

LA Median
\$19,832
Public Median $\$ 25,002$
Private Median $\$ 26,548$
Range Midpoint $\$ 20,925$
\# of Incumbents 705

## Electronic Technician

LA Median $\$ 48,068$
Public Median $\$ 38,956$
Private Median $\$ 45,800$
Range Midpoint \$47,123
\# of Incumbents 55

## Horticultural Attendant

LA Median
\$24,918
Public Median $\$ 31,000$
Private Median $\$ 30,400$
Range Midpoint $\$ 31,408$
\# of Incumbents 69

## Laborer

LA Median $\$ 18,881$
Public Median $\$ 27,322$
Private Median $\quad \$ 28,861$
Range Midpoint $\quad \$ 20,925$
\# of Incumbents 56

## Maintenance Repairer 2

LA Median $\$ 33,301$
Public Median $\$ 39,868$
Private Median $\quad \$ 39,500$
Range Midpoint \$38,470
\# of Incumbents 383

## Skilled Trades Schedule (continued)

Mobile Equipment Operator 2/Hvy<br>LA Median $\$ 39,218$<br>Public Median $\$ 57,900$<br>Private Median \$55,100<br>Range Midpoint $\$ 44,044$<br>\# of Incumbents 72

## Mobile Equipment Operator 1

LA Median $\$ 24,149$
Public Median $\$ 30,179$
Private Median $\$ 31,415$
Range Midpoint $\$ 31,408$
\# of Incumbents 401

# Appendix D <br> Structure Adjustment and General Increase History 

| Date | Proposal |
| :---: | :--- |
| 1994 | Proposal to increase range minimums by 4\% and range maximums <br> by 10\%. Approval was not granted. |
| 1995 | Proposal to grant COLAs to all classified employees in the amount <br> of 5\% and to increase range minimums and range maximums by <br> $5 \%$. Approval was not granted. |
| 1997 | Proposal to increase General pay schedule range minimums by 4\% <br> and range maximums by 10\%. Approval was granted. |
| 1999 | Proposal to increase Medical pay schedule range minimums by 4\% <br> and range maximums by 10\%. Approval was granted. |
| 2000 | Proposal to grant COLAS to all classified employees in the amount <br> of 5\% and to increase range minimums and maximums by 5\%. <br> Approval was not granted. |
| 2001 | Proposal to increase range minimums and maximums for General <br> and Medical pay schedules by 6\% (2\% each year for three years). <br> Approval was granted. |
| 2002 | Proposal to increase range minimums and maximums by 2\% for <br> Skilled Trades pay schedule. Approval was granted. |
| 2007 | Proposal to grant COLAs to all classified employees in the amount <br> of \$0.72 per hour and to increase the range minimums for all pay <br> schedules by 10-14\% and maximums by 10-14\%. Approval was <br> granted. |
| 2008 | Proposal to grant COLAS to all classified employees in the amount <br> of 2-5\% and to increase all pay range minimums to reflect federal <br> minimum wage. In addition, it was proposed to increase range <br> minimums for all pay schedules by 3-10\%. Approval was not <br> granted. |
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[^0]:    AS = Administrative Schedule
    PS = Protective Services Schedule
    SS = Social Services Schedule

[^1]:    The public and private sector include states in the southern region which consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Lovisiana Workforce Commission, Labor Market Information, State of Lovisiana - Top 25 Occupations Adding the Most Jobs Annually Through 2024 http://www.laworks.net/LaborMarketInfo/LMI OccTopOpenings.asp?years=20142024

