

# New Zealand's biggest salaries

Turns out [General Practitioners \(GPs\)](#) still have the healthiest salaries in NZ. The mid-year health check of average annual advertised salaries on SEEK has revealed that General Practitioners [GPs] remain the top earners across New Zealand.

The national average advertised annual salary on SEEK for GPs was \$138,000 [1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017]. At a regional level, the average advertised salary for GPs varied:

*Annual Advertised Salary of GPS [1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017]*

Canterbury	\$144,944
Wellington	\$127,307
Auckland	\$122,138
<b>Region</b>	

Average Salary

Janet Faulding, General Manager SEEK NZ, said supply and demand is helping fuel GP salaries. It's been well reported that there is a chronic shortage of GPs across New Zealand, and this shortage is expected to continue as the 'baby boomer' doctors retire.

"We predict GPs' salaries will remain strong so long as there is a shortage in the market of their skills. New Zealand's aging and growing population is putting further pressure on demand for the services of GPs," revealed Faulding.

"Healthcare & Medical specialist recruiters have said they are starting to see a small increase of candidates from Australia and further afield, who can easily gain registration with their industry governing body, which will hopefully help ease the shortage.

"The regions that offered the most GP job opportunities on SEEK over the past 12 months [1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017] were Auckland, Waikato, Wellington, Hawkes Bay and Canterbury," Faulding continued.

**What other roles make the highest salary shortlist?**

Following General Practitioners, the next highest paying roles in New Zealand are found within the [Information, Communications & Technology](#) industry and the financial sector. They include:

*Average advertised salary June 2016 -July 2017*

## **Industry**

## **Role**

## **Average Salary**

Information, Communication & Technology

Architects

\$127,617

Information, Communication & Technology

Management

\$125,753

Banking & Financial Services

Banking - Corporate & Institutional

\$120,236

Accounting

Strategy & Planning

\$118,346

## **Average salaries across the country**

“At a national level, we are seeing a continuing upward trend of average advertised salaries on SEEK, which has been occurring since mid-2015,” said Faulding.

“The average annual salary of job ads listed on SEEK across New Zealand from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 was \$75,790. This was an increase of 1.1% when compared to the same period 12 months earlier. “

At a regional level, the rate of salary growth varied from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

“In Wellington, the average advertised annual salary on SEEK rose [up 2.3% y/y], and continues to broadly trend upwards in Auckland [up 0.9% y/y] and Canterbury [up 1.7% y/y],” said Faulding.

“Otago and Taranaki have experienced the sharpest trend increases in annual advertised salaries [up 3.4 % and 3% y/y respectively]. Increases were also enjoyed in Tasman [up 2% y/y] and Waikato [up 1.2% y/y], and small increases were seen in Northland [up 0.8% y/y] and Bay of Plenty [up 0.2% y/y].

The upward trend wasn't enjoyed across the entire country with average advertised salaries on SEEK declining in Gisborne [down 4.7% y/y], Marlborough [down 4% y/y], West Coast [down 3.4 % y/y] and Southland [down 3.1% y/y]. Hawkes Bay and Manawatu salaries also dipped marginally, down 0.8% and 0.7% respectively year on year.

### **Highest paying regions in New Zealand**

Wellington topped the list as the highest paying region in New Zealand with an average advertised salary of \$82,407.

*Average advertised annual salary [1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017]*

#### **Region**

#### **Average Salary**

Wellington

\$82,407

Auckland

\$76,697

Taranaki

\$74,293

Canterbury

\$74,050