



APA'S NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK 2006 SURVEY

Getting Paid In America

Survey Results

33,128 individuals responded to this survey as of 5 p.m. ET on September 8, 2006.

1 Popular TV icon Judge Judy made \$25 million in 2005, according to ABC News. How much did former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor make in a year?

Nearly \$100,000.....	6030.....	18.20%
Nearly \$200,000.....	15577.....	47.02% (correct answer)
Nearly \$300,000.....	7251.....	21.89%
Nearly \$400,000.....	2426.....	7.32%
Nearly \$500,000.....	1844.....	5.57%

2 Actor Will Ferrell was paid \$350,000 a year when playing President George W. Bush on the TV show Saturday Night Live. How much does the real President Bush get paid each year?

\$100,000.....	3271.....	9.87%
\$200,000.....	12509.....	37.76%
\$300,000.....	7163.....	21.62%
\$400,000.....	6043.....	18.24% (correct answer)
\$500,000.....	4142.....	12.50%

3 Do you get enough of a raise each year to cover the increasing cost of living?

Yes.....	6080.....	18.35%
No.....	27047.....	81.65%

4 How much does a U.S. Olympic Gold Medal winner get paid in bonus money?

\$0.....	14788.....	44.64%
\$5,000.....	2582.....	7.79%
\$15,000.....	3449.....	10.41%
\$20,000.....	3526.....	10.64%
\$25,000.....	8783.....	26.51% (correct answer)

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5 What's more important to you, health benefits or higher wages?

Health benefits..... 17992.....54.31%
Higher wages..... 15135..... 45.69%

6 Dick Wolfe makes \$200 million a year as the producer of the popular TV legal drama, Law & Order (source: September 26, 2005 issue of New York Magazine). What is a rookie New York City police officer's starting salary for enforcing the law?

\$25,000..... 6883.....20.78% (correct answer)
\$30,000..... 8753.....26.42%
\$35,000..... 10166.....30.69%
\$40,000..... 4717..... 14.24%
\$45,000..... 2608..... 7.87%

7 How confident are you that you will continue to be paid in the wake of a natural disaster such as a hurricane or earthquake?

Very confident..... 5815.....17.55%
Confident..... 11531..... 34.81%
Not very confident..... 8772..... 26.48%
Not at all confident..... 4484.....13.54%
Don't Know..... 2525..... 7.62%

8 How confident are you that your employer adequately protects your vital personal information from data theft/identity theft? This includes data such as the amount of your salary/wages, social security number, and direct deposit bank account number.

Very confident..... 13748.....41.50%
Somewhat confident..... 14370.....43.38%
Not very confident..... 3161..... 9.54%
Not at all confident..... 1300..... 3.92%
Don't know..... 548..... 1.65%

9 How difficult would it be to meet your current financial obligations if your next paycheck were delayed for a week?

Very difficult..... 9238.....27.89%
Somewhat difficult..... 12250..... 36.98%
Not very difficult..... 7121..... 21.50%
Not at all difficult..... 4417..... 13.33%
Don't know..... 102..... 0.31%

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10 How certain are you that your payroll withholding and the net amount of your paycheck are correct each payday?

Very certain.....18848.....56.89%
Somewhat certain.....11165.....33.70%
Not very certain.....1798.....5.43%
Not at all certain.....854.....2.58%
Don't know.....463.....1.40%

11 Do you participate in direct deposit?

Yes.....31095.....93.86%
No.....1578.....4.76%
Don't know.....20.....0.06%
Don't have the option.....435.....1.31%

12 If you received a 100% raise in pay tomorrow, what would you do with the extra money?

Have it automatically deposited into savings every payday.....3582.....10.81%
Contribute as much of it as possible to my 401(k) or other retirement plan account.....9420.....28.44%
Invest it.....4032.....12.17%
Pay off debt.....15679.....47.33%
Spend it on personal luxury items or vacations.....415.....1.25%

13 If your paycheck is accurate and you receive prompt, accurate information when you call your company's payroll department, does it matter to you where your paycheck is processed?

Yes.....13299.....40.14%
No.....19829.....59.86%

14 How would you feel if your company announced that your paycheck would soon be processed overseas, to save on costs and remain competitive?

I would like it.....411.....1.24%
I would be inconvenienced/unhappy.....25517.....77.03%
It wouldn't matter to me.....7199.....21.73%

15 If your paycheck were processed overseas, how confident are you that your private data (such as your social security number, address, paycheck data, etc.) would remain safe and private?

Very confident.....	567.....	1.71%
Somewhat confident.....	3234.....	9.76%
Not very confident.....	9359.....	28.25%
Not at all confident.....	18659.....	56.32%
Don't know.....	1309.....	3.95%