



National Salaries in the Arts

The following is a list of national average salaries as reported by the AIGA and by Monster.com. This information is provided as a reference only and does not represent all the careers possible in the arts.

AIGA: ^a • Monster.com: *

Artist*

develops, sketches, and/or prints creative ideas for a variety of mediums. Provides support for company advertising and/or promotional efforts. Bachelor's degree may be required in a related area and 2-4 years of experience in the field.

\$52,000

Architect I*

performs design computations, compiles data, and elementary architectural assignments. Also responsible for preparing estimates and architectural plans as requested. Requires a bachelor's degree in architecture.

\$40,000

Cartoonist / Animator*

provides drawings or animations used in advertising and promotions. Uses various methods to communicate the organization's efforts through an assortment of freehand artwork. May prepare artwork for printing or mass production. Bachelor's degree required.

\$64,000

Creative/Design Director^a

is the creative head of a design firm, advertising agency, or an in-house corporate design department. In all of these areas, key responsibilities can include the development of graphic design, advertising, communications and industrial design publications. Bachelor's degree required in a related area.

\$100,000

Design Firm Partner^a

holds equity position and has major business responsibility for a firm having employees. Bachelor's degree required in a related area.

\$85,000

Designer^a

responsible for conceptualization and design of graphic applications such as collateral material, environmental graphics, books and magazines, corporate identity, film titling, and multimedia interfaces, from concept to completion. Bachelor's degree required.

\$56,000

Exhibit Designer*

designs and constructs museum collections, exhibits, and special projects. Researches ideas and materials for an exhibit, recommends solutions for design problems, and utilizes design techniques to produce desired visual effect and educational message. Requires a bachelor's degree in area of specialty.

\$64,000

Print Production Artist^a

has a working understanding of layout, type and color, and is able to take instructions from a designer and create a complete layout. Bachelor's degree required.

\$46,000

Industrial Designer*

develops drawings of outer designs of products, complementing engineering, marketing, production and sales departments. Calculates dimensions of new products or product enhancements and estimates material needed. Bachelor's degree required.

\$61,000

Interior Designer*

assists in developing and preparing presentation drawings. Requires knowledge of design principles and the ability to interpret design concepts and layouts. Requires a bachelor's degree in area of specialty.

\$40,000

Marketing Artist^a

creates marketing materials, develops presentations and proposals; oversees company marketing practices.

\$80,000

Photographer*

creates and prepares photographic images to display in publishing. Selects and assembles equipment according to subject material, anticipated conditions, and knowledge of function of various types of cameras, lenses, films, and accessories. Requires an associate's degree with 2-4 years of experience in the field.

\$53,000

Senior Designer^a

Oversees other designers and is responsible for conceptualization and design of graphic applications such as collateral material, environmental graphics, books and magazines, corporate identity, film titling, and multimedia interfaces, from concept to completion. Bachelor's degree required.

\$65,000

Set Designer*

designs motion picture or television production sets, signs, props, or scenic effects. Prepares scale drawings for use in construction, modification, or alteration. Requires associate's degree or its equivalent.

\$52,000

Web Designer^a

determines and develops the look and feel for web sites, and is responsible for site navigation design and visual execution. Bachelor's degree required.

\$58,500

Web Senior Designer^a

Organizes and oversees web development teams, keeps projects on budget, and adheres the design to the overall agreed end product. Bachelor's degree required.

\$75,000

Bureau of Labor and Statistics

Fine Artist / Illustrator	Annual mean wage
Independent Artists	\$43,960
Newspaper, Periodical and Book	\$54,560
Specialized Design Services	\$45,740
Motion Picture and Video Industries	\$76,420
Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools	\$39,480
Motion Picture and Video Industries	\$76,420
Scientific, and Technical	\$63,590
Radio and Television Broadcasting	\$61,990

Graphics	Annual mean wage
Independent Artists	\$50,190
Newspaper, Periodical and Book	\$40,680
Advertising, Public Relations, and Related Services	\$48,140
Printing and Related Support Activities	\$38,910
Computer Systems Design and Related Services	\$53,390
Motion Picture and Video Industries	\$62,130
Aerospace graphics	\$62,030

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Careers in the Arts

ADMINISTRATION

Art School Director
Arts Consultant
Assistant Director
Community Art
Center Director
Museum Director

ADVERTISING

Advertising Director
Advertising, Commercial
Advertising Copy Writer
Art Director
Art Director Film/Video/Print
Billboard Designer
Caricaturist
Color Consultant
Computer Graphics
Creative Director
Design Consultant
Display Artist
Display Designer
Exhibition Designer
Illustration Designer
Illustrator - Freelance
Intra-net Designer
Layout Artist
Logo Designer
Magazine Designer
Marine Illustrator
Medical Illustrator
Multi-Media Designer
Package Designer
Photographer
Product Photographer
Publicity Director
Scientific Illustrator
Technical Illustrator
Web Page Designer

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN

Architect
Architectural Illustrator
City Planner
Draftperson
Environmental Designer
Landscape Architect
Landscape Artist
Lighting Consultant/Designer
Scenic Designer
Space Planner

ART EDUCATION

Art Lecturer
Art Therapist
Art Education Coordinator
College Art Educator
High School Art Educator
Elementary Art Educator

CINEMATOGRAPHY

Animator
Animatronics Designer
Art Director
Background Artist
Cameraperson
Cinematographer
Director Film/Video Lighting
Make-up Artist
Set Designer
Special Effects
Stage Designer
TV Commercial Director
Wardrobe Designer

CRAFTS

Blacksmith
Floral Designer
Jeweler
Master Metalsmith
Puppet Maker
Sign/Billboard Painter
Weaver
Wood Carver
Potter

FASHION

Automotive Textile Designer
Costume Designer
Dress Maker
Fashion Buyer
Fashion Editor
Fashion Illustrator
Fashion Photographer
Fiber Artist
Merchandising Artist
Tattoo Artist
Textile/Fabric Designer
Window/Display Artist

FINE ARTS

Artist-in-Residence
Ceramic Tile Artisan /
Ceramist
Court Artist
Filmmaker
Gallery Director
Installationist
Lithographer
Mosaicist
Muralist
Painter
Performance Artist
Police Artist
Potter
Printmaker
Sculptor

GRAPHICS

Ad Agency Director
Animation Director
Artist Representative
Book Illustrator
Calligrapher
Cartoonists
Children's Book Designer
Color Corrector/Retoucher
Comic Book Creator
Computer Game Designer
Digital Artist
Exhibition Designer
Graphic Designer
Model Maker
Paper Designer
Photo Manipulator/Retoucher
Printer
Screen Printer
Surface Designer
Toy Designer
Typographer
Web Developer

GALLERY/MUSEUM

Art Auctioneer
Art Critic
Art Dealer
Art Librarian
Buyer
Conservator
Curator
Gallery Lecturer
Guide
Art Restorer
Researcher/Historian

INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

Aeronautics Designer
Automotive Designer
Cabinet Maker
Furniture Designer
Ergonomist
Electronics Designer
Flooring Designer
Glass Engineer
Industrial Equipment
Lighting Designer
Machine Designer
Materials Expert
Metal Worker
Musical Instrument Designer
Neon Sculptor
Package Designer
Product Designer
Robotics Engineer
Transportation Designer
Tool Designer

INTERIOR DESIGN

Display Artist
Drapery Specialist
Exhibit on Designer
Interior Designer

PHOTOGRAPHY/ FILM/VIDEO

Aerial Photographer
Combat Photographer
Dark Room Technician
Documentary Photographer
Film Editor
Filmmaker
Food Photographer
Forensic Photographer
Industrial Photographer
Photojournalist
Theatrical Photographer
Video Director
Video Producer

PUBLISHING/JOURNALISM

Archeological Illustrator
Art Publisher
Botanical Illustrator
Editorial Art Director
Editorial/Political Illustrator
Greeting Card Designer
Magazine Designer
Poster Illustrator
Stamp and Currency Design
Story Board Artist
Zoological Illustrator



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According to the U.S. Department of Vital Statistics almost **3 million** Americans work in the visual arts industry.