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EPISODE 54 - SALARY TRENDS AND THE TOP 5 CITIES TO WORK FOR CIVIL ENGINEERS

The [American Society of Civil Engineers](#) (ASCE) releases a report on the median pre-tax annual salary of civil engineers every year, using the answers provided by respondents working within the field, from different levels of higher education, and spread out across the various disciplines of the subject. With this in mind, the ASCE just released the 2020 edition of this annual salary report, titled [Civil Engineers' Income and Job Satisfaction Continue to Rise](#). Today's episode is a further examination of this report, as well as [a list of the highest-paying cities in the US for civil engineers](#), compiled by the ASCE.

According to previous reports, base salaries have been on the rise for some time, increasing by an amount of 4-6% each year since 2017. Given the title of the 2020 edition of the report, this trend may have continued to happen this year. And, in fact, it did. According to the report, civil engineers' median pre-tax annual

salaries in 2019 was \$115,000, which is an increase from \$109,000 they reported last year referring to 2018 data.

They also report on the difference between annual salaries depending on the highest level of education a professional has attained. For example, a professional with a bachelor's degree alone has an average salary of \$106,000, while those with a master's degree have a median salary of \$119,000. However, both numbers represent an increase when compared to the numbers reported last year for both categories, though.

This positive trend of increasing base salaries is a good sign for every engineer out there, and actually a motivation for everyone to get the PE license. The report stated that civil engineers with a professional engineer license make about \$121,000, which is \$31,000 higher than the median salary for those civil engineers who do not have any professional license. So, getting a PE license can really help out

every engineer, young or experienced, in the long run. If you're serious about taking your career to the next level, [The Ultimate Civil PE Review Course](#) is the only course you need to ace that exam.

When it comes to the list of the best cities to be a civil engineer in the US, based solely on salary, the highest-paying city, occupying the top place on the list, is New York City, paying about \$134,200. This is a famous place world-wide and its vast infrastructure serves more than 8 million residents and visitors every year. The second country, paying about the same amount (\$134,000), is Washington, DC. Packed with memorials and monuments, over 22 million visitors spent time in the District through the year of 2017 alone. Next up on the list, we have Chicago, Seattle, and Denver, paying about \$131,000, \$122,000, and \$121,000, respectively.

This is just to illustrate the positive trend of increasing salaries for professionals within the civil engineering arena, which not only makes it more attractive, but also demonstrates the crucial role played by each one of us in keeping the cities 'up and running'. If you need resources, tips, tools, and literally anything related to civil engineering, Civil Engineering Academy is the only place you need to go.

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