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California Controller Publishes 2019 Payroll Data for City and County Governments

SACRAMENTO — State Controller Betty T. Yee today published 2019 self-reported payroll data for cities and counties on the [Government Compensation in California](http://www.sco.ca.gov/government-compensation-in-california) website. The data cover 674,166 positions and a total of more than \$48.50 billion in 2019 wages.

Users of the site can:

- 1 View compensation levels on maps and search by region;
- 1 Narrow results by name of the entity or by job title; and
- 1 Export raw data or custom reports.

The newly published data include 469 cities and 50 counties. The City of Vernon – with 297 residents and 285 employees – had the highest average city employee wage in California, followed by Hayward, Atherton, Pleasant Hill, and Fairfield. Topping the list for highest average county employee wage were the counties of Santa Clara, Los Angeles, Alameda, San Mateo, and Placer. The highest-salaried city employee in California is San Francisco's chief investment officer, while almost all of the top 100 highest-paid county employees are physicians.

California law requires cities, counties, and special districts to annually report compensation data to the State Controller. The State Controller also maintains and publishes state and CSU salary data. Seven [counties](#) and 13 [cities](#) failed to file or provided incomplete or late information. San Francisco is both a city and a county; the website reports San Francisco as a city.

Since the website launched in 2010, it has registered more than 12 million page views. The site contains pay and benefit information on more than two million government jobs in California, as reported annually by each entity.

As the chief fiscal officer of California, Controller Yee is responsible for accountability and disbursement of the state's financial resources. The Controller has independent auditing authority over government agencies that spend state funds. She is a member of numerous financing authorities, and fiscal and financial oversight entities including the Franchise Tax Board. She also serves on the boards for the nation's two largest public pension funds. Elected in 2014 and reelected in 2018, Controller Yee is the tenth woman elected to a statewide office in California's history. Follow the Controller on Twitter at [@CACController](#) and on Facebook at [California State Controller's Office](#).

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