

# RVT Wage Report

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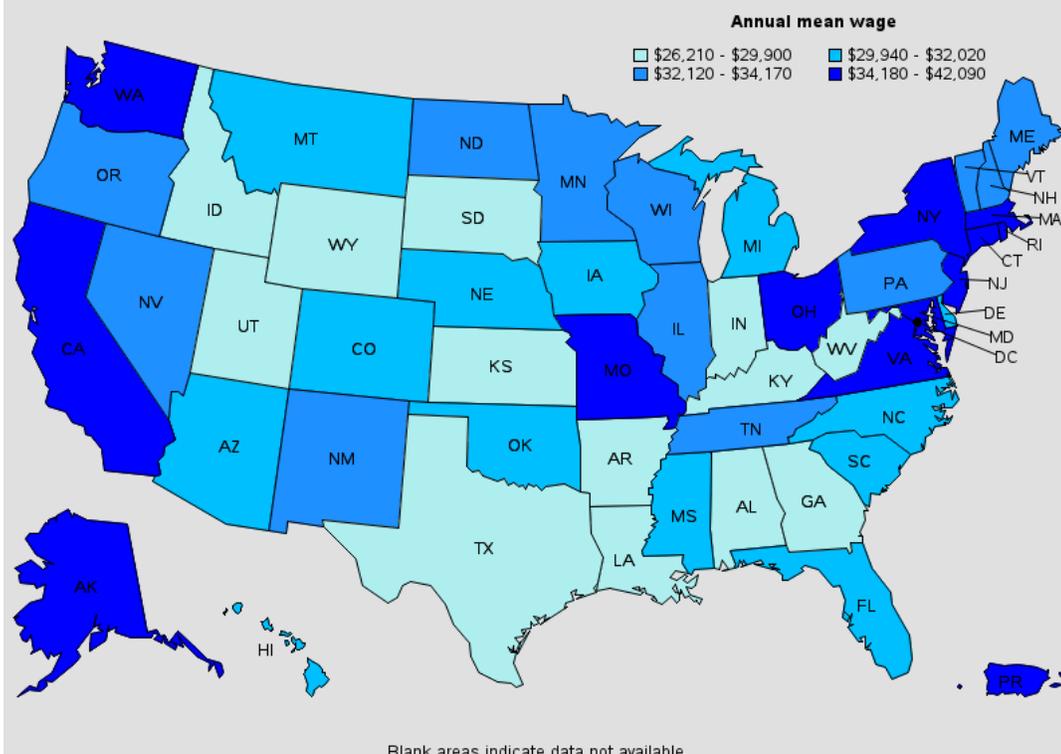
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## 2016 Data

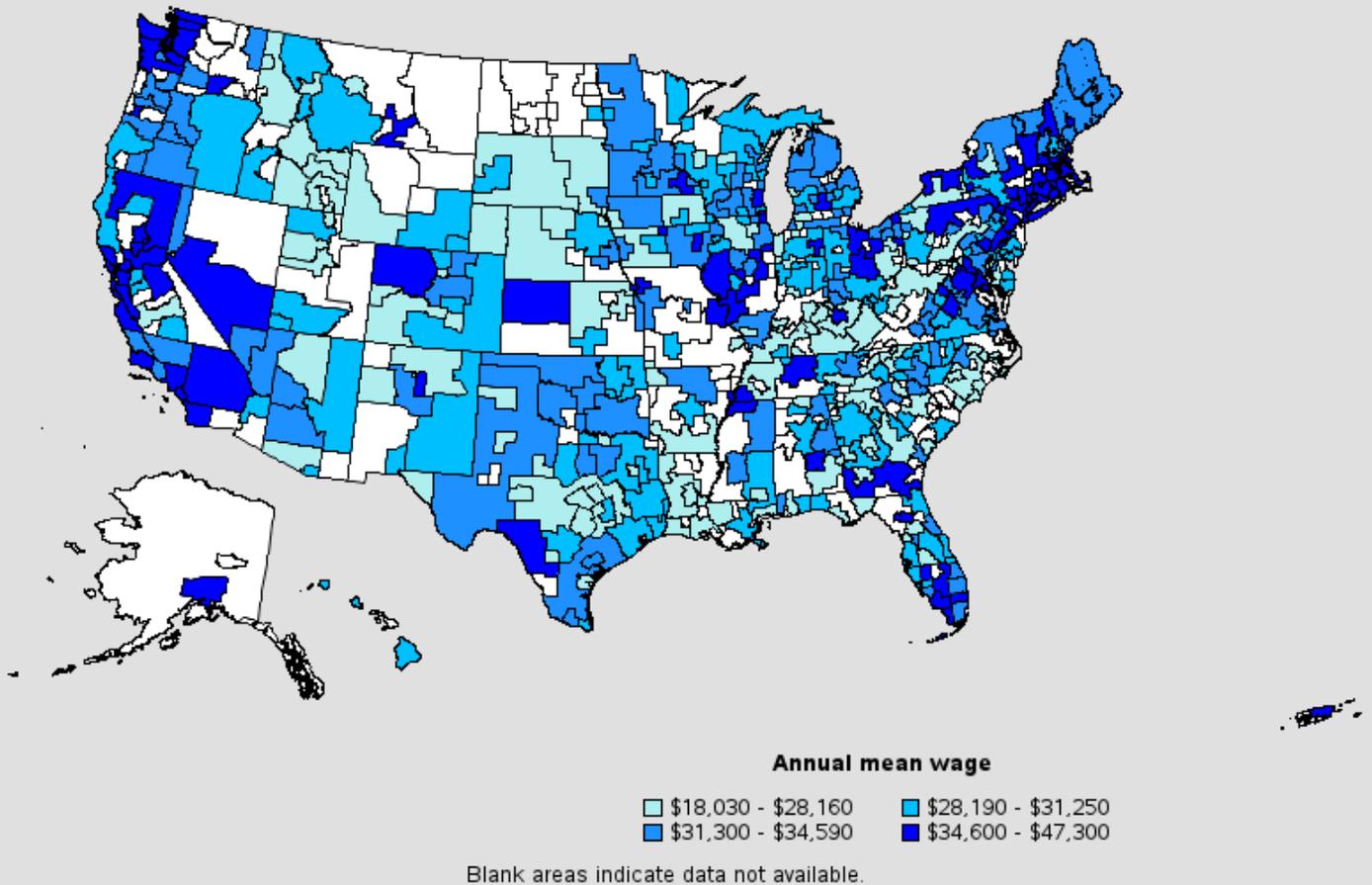
### Average National Vet Tech Salaries

Quick Facts: Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	
<b><u>2015 Median Pay</u></b>	\$31,800 per year \$15.29 per hour
<b><u>Typical Entry-Level Education</u></b>	Associate's degree
<b><u>Work Experience in a Related Occupation</u></b>	None
<b><u>On-the-job Training</u></b>	None
<b><u>Number of Jobs, 2014</u></b>	95,600
<b><u>Job Outlook, 2014-24</u></b>	19% (Much faster than average)
<b><u>Employment Change, 2014-24</u></b>	17,900

Annual mean wage of veterinary technologists and technicians, by state, May 2015



## Annual mean wage of veterinary technologists and technicians, by area, May 2015



## 6 Ways to Increase Your Salary as a Veterinary Technician!

How can you make the most money as a vet tech? Here are the things you can do increase your earning potential:

1. **Gain more experience.** The more years you have in the field, the higher they pay you generally receive.
2. **Worker in a larger city.** Vet techs in bigger metropolitan areas often are paid more than small-town techs to compensate for cost-of-living.
3. **Specialize.** There are 11 official specialties recognized by the AVMA. Becoming specialized in one of these areas will raise your income potential, but it takes time and experience to get them. The vet technician specialties are:
  - Emergency and Critical Care
  - Nutrition
  - Dentistry
  - Dermatology
  - Clinical Practice

- Surgical
- Anesthesia / Analgesia
- Internal Medicine
- Zoological Medicine
- Behavior
- Equine
- Clinical Pathology
- Lab Animal
- Ophthalmology

4. **Work in a hospital.** Vet techs that work in hospitals make slightly more than those in private practices.
5. **Work in a research lab.** Techs that work in research labs are usually paid more than any those in any other setting.
6. **Get involved!** Part of the reason salary is low is because vet techs are limited in the type of things they can do. As vet techs organize, unite, and advocate on behalf of their profession, they may be able to lobby state and national legislators to allow them to take on more responsibilities, like make some diagnoses or write prescriptions. These new responsibilities will increase the value of your skills, and an increase in salary will follow!