

Salary Guide Canada



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Introduction

Welcome to the 2021 Morgan McKinley Salary Guide. This is our annual salary report developed for you to provide both organisations and candidates with the current market salary ranges across Technology.

Report Methodology

This guide has been compiled with the support of data gathered by our teams of experienced consultants from a sample of thousands of placements recorded in our recruitment database, insights from our clients and analysis of placement data over the past 12 months.

This guide will be updated if and when needed to reflect any market changes.

Seniority Roles Definition

The seniority levels in this salary guide are divided into low, medium and high. These are determined by a candidate's experience level, their skillset and the complexity of the role.



Resources for Employers



How To Calculate A Starting Salary

Hiring a new employee is an exciting time for you, the team they'll be joining and the business as a whole.

Before your new hire can start, there are **9 steps to consider** when determining their salary.

1. Hiring Budget

Identify what your overall recruitment budget is. Knowing all the potential costs involved will give you a better understanding of what salary you can offer.

2. Employment Type

Should you use the budget to hire a permanent full time employee, a contractor or maybe even a freelancer? Weighing up the pros and cons of each will help you decide which type of employment to offer.

3. Industry Salary Benchmarks

Using our [Salary Guide Calculator tool](#) will show up-to-date salaries, giving you an understanding of how much your competitors are paying.

4. Experience & Education

The more experience and education you require for your role, the higher the salary will have to be. Toggle the experience level on the [Salary Guide Calculator](#) to see how it can differ.

5. Industry

Depending on the industry, the salary for the same role or job title can vary vastly. In one industry it may be business critical and will command a higher salary, whilst in another it is less so, meaning average salaries are lower.

[For further information on how to calculate a salary, click here](#)



How To Handle An Employee's Pay Rise Request

How do you make the right decision when an employee asks for a pay rise?

Often managers alone cannot come to the conclusion of whether or not to grant a pay rise request and will have to involve other stakeholders. There are **5 key areas** of consideration to help you achieve an outcome that will satisfy all parties involved.

1. **Ask for information** and give them a chance to explain why they think they deserve a pay rise, rather than granting or denying their request. Keep in mind, they are asking you this because they would like to stay with the company and so this is a great chance to improve your employee retention.
2. **Compare market salaries** when you are evaluating their request. Using our [Salary Guide Calculator](#), you can check whether their current salary is in line with market and industry trends.
3. **Consider sharing decision making** with HR or your direct manager - the people well practiced at handling pay rise requests. Be prepared to provide convincing arguments; they don't work with the person as closely as you do and won't necessarily be able to see the value this person brings to the company.

[Read the full article on handling pay rise requests here](#)



5 Considerations When Growing Your Business

You've spent weeks, even months, in meetings and on calls defining the right growth strategy. Now it's time to start putting your plans into place by finding an office location and hiring the right people to help you thrive.

Choosing the right location for your start-up or somewhere to expand your current business is key. There are some important considerations to be taken into account.

1. Talent, Salaries & Benefits

The first thing to consider is people. Does the location provide an adequate staffing pool? And can you afford to hire them?

It can be difficult to define who needs to be on your team. Instead of focusing on job titles, it's better to understand the skills you need. This is where [outsourcing the hiring process is often a good decision](#).

Location can also dictate how much you pay your people and the benefits you can offer. When hiring in a specific area, a [Salary Guide Calculator](#) is a useful tool to see how payment expectations can change.

- 2. Geographic Strategic Location:** If you have suppliers and clients that you may need regular in-person meetings with, you will want to be somewhere that's relatively easy for them to get to.

Additional Consideration: Are there any tax laws in the location you are looking at that need to be accounted for in your budget?

[Find out more about what you should consider when growing your business](#)



Resources for Professionals



How To Get Promoted In Your Current Company

It's *natural to want your career to develop*. Many people have the goal of being promoted as it gives you the opportunity to **grow both personally and professionally**, gives you **further influence within your business**, allows you to have **greater control over your daily tasks** and offers the opportunity to **be rewarded with a higher salary**.

There are **9 key things to consider** when you're thinking about putting yourself forward for an internal promotion:

- 1. Do you *own* entire projects?** If you can prove that you control projects from conception right through to completion, you're more indispensable and more likely to be considered for a promotion.
- 2. Are you compensated fairly in comparison to the industry benchmark?** Use our [Salary Guide Calculator](#) to figure out how you measure up against the industry average prior to any promotion discussions.
- 3. Do you *raise the performance of your colleagues*?** Boosting the performance of an entire team rather than just focusing on your personal performance is something leaders look out for.
- 4. Are you *adding value* to the company?** Even if your role isn't directly related to generating income, other performance metrics can be translated into revenue generation.

[Find out more about how to increase your chances of being promoted](#)



How To Ask For A Pay Rise: 7 Things To Remember

You're good at your job, you may even be *great* at it. You're an integral member of the team as well as an advocate for the wider business.

Because of all this, you would like to ask for a pay rise. There are 7 things to remember when approaching this situation:

1. **Understand what you are worth** in comparison to the wider market. Using our [Salary Guide Calculator](#) allows you to benchmark your salary against others in your area of expertise.
2. **Highlight your achievements** with clear examples and data. Outline how you've increased your responsibilities, overcome challenging situations, positively influenced your team or increased efficiencies.
3. **Have realistic expectations** in terms of what you are requesting.
4. **When to ask** for a pay rise depends on what has been going on in the business and how well placed it would be to accept your pay rise request.
5. **Arrange the meeting** to be held face-to-face - *or over a video call if [you're working remotely](#).*
6. **Show your confidence**, remain professional, speak slowly, keep to the facts and try to use mostly positive language.
7. **Continue to perform** if you got the pay rise you wanted then prove that it was justified. If you didn't get what you hoped for, ask your manager for targets to work towards in order to be eligible for one in the near future.

[Learn more about the best way to ask your manager for a pay rise](#)



How To Negotiate Your Salary After Receiving A Job Offer

You've decided to move jobs externally to progress your career. You applied to an interesting opportunity and, great news, you've been offered the job.

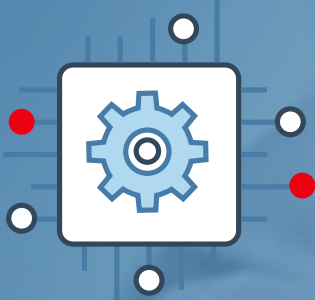
There are a few things to consider when it comes to ironing out the final details. Here are **11 suggestions** for what you can do **before**, **during** and **after** your salary negotiation.

- 1. Benchmark against industry averages:** Use our [Salary Guide Calculator](#) to discover the average pay for someone with a similar level of experience as you.
- 2. Consider the total compensation package:** Companies may not be able to budge on actual payment, but valuable additional benefits (*which is where a lot of your job satisfaction will come from*) could be swaying factors.
- 3. Find out any limitations:** There may be salary caps that mean you cannot exceed a certain amount. If there are limitations, think about where there could be flexibility such as **extra days of annual leave** or **additional training**.
- 4. Build up your confidence:** If you have done the research (*use our [Salary Guide Calculator](#) to help you*), you are empowered with the knowledge of knowing what you're worth and that will convey confidence.
- 5. Be truthful about your past salary:** You want to get as high a salary as possible, but you have to be realistic and honest.

[Read more detail about effective salary negotiation techniques](#) 



Technology





Data/ML/AI & Business Intelligence | Permanent (\$ Per annum)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
Big Data Architect	\$110,000	\$150,000	\$170,000
Business Intelligence Developer	\$70,000	\$90,000	\$125,000
Business Intelligence Manager	\$105,000	\$135,000	\$160,000
Data Analyst	\$60,000	\$80,000	\$100,000
Data Architect	\$110,000	\$140,000	\$165,000
Data Engineer	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$150,000
Data Scientist	\$90,000	\$115,000	\$160,000
Data Scientist (PHD)	\$105,000	\$140,000	\$180,000
Data Warehouse Developer	\$85,000	\$110,000	\$125,000
Database Administrator	\$75,000	\$95,000	\$110,000
Machine Learning Engineer	\$100,000	\$140,000	\$165,000
Oracle Developer	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$130,000
SQL BI Developer	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$130,000
SQL Developer	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$130,000

Data/ML/AI & Business Intelligence | Contract (\$ per hour)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
Big Data Architect	\$80	\$100	\$120
Business Intelligence Consultant	\$60	\$75	\$90
Business Intelligence Developer	\$50	\$60	\$80
Data Analyst	\$40	\$60	\$80
Data Engineer	\$50	\$75	\$95
Data Scientist	\$80	\$100	\$120
Database Administrator	\$70	\$90	\$110
Database Engineer	\$70	\$90	\$110
Machine Learning Engineer	\$70	\$100	\$120
Oracle Developer	\$70	\$80	\$100
SQL BI Developer	\$60	\$75	\$90
SQL Developer	\$60	\$75	\$90



DevOps/SRE (Site Reliability Engineering) | Permanent (\$ Per annum)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
Cloud Architect	\$110,000	\$130,000	\$160,000
Cloud Engineer	\$100,000	\$120,000	\$140,000
DevOps / Site Reliability Manager	\$130,000	\$150,000	\$175,000
DevOps Architect	\$140,000	\$160,000	\$180,000
DevOps Engineer (Development)	\$90,000	\$125,000	\$165,000
DevOps Engineer (Infrastructure)	\$90,000	\$125,000	\$150,000
Director of DevOps / SRE	\$150,000	\$170,000	\$200,000
Site Reliability Engineer	\$110,000	\$140,000	\$175,000

DevOps/SRE (Site Reliability Engineering) | Contract (\$ per hour)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
Cloud Engineer	\$80	\$100	\$120
DevOps Engineer	\$80	\$100	\$120
DevOps Manager	\$90	\$105	\$130
Infrastructure Engineer	\$70	\$80	\$100
Site Reliability Engineer	\$90	\$110	\$130

Infrastructure & Support | Permanent (\$ Per annum)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
1st Level Support	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$55,000
2nd Level Support	\$50,000	\$55,000	\$65,000
Application Support	\$55,000	\$65,000	\$80,000
Application Support .NET	\$55,000	\$65,000	\$80,000
Application Support Java	\$55,000	\$65,000	\$80,000
Application Support Team Lead	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$90,000
Architect (Infrastructure)	\$100,000	\$140,000	\$160,000
Desktop Engineer	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$55,000
Infrastructure Manager	\$100,000	\$130,000	\$150,000
Network Administrator	\$60,000	\$80,000	\$100,000
Network Architect	\$90,000	\$115,000	\$130,000
Network Engineer	\$65,000	\$90,000	\$110,000



Job Title	Low	Average	High
Systems Administrator	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$90,000
Systems Engineer	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$120,000
Unix / Linux Administrator	\$70,000	\$90,000	\$110,000

Infrastructure & Support | Contract (\$ per hour)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
Application Support level 1	\$30	\$40	\$50
Application Support level 2	\$35	\$45	\$55
Application support level 3	\$40	\$50	\$60
Infrastructure Architect	\$80	\$90	\$100
Network Administrator	\$65	\$75	\$80
Network Architect	\$70	\$85	\$90
Network Engineer	\$70	\$80	\$90
Systems Administrator	\$60	\$75	\$85
Systems Analyst	\$65	\$80	\$100
Systems Engineer	\$70	\$80	\$90
Unix / Linux Administrator	\$65	\$70	\$80

IT/Cyber Security | Permanent (\$ Per annum)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
Application Security Engineer	\$120,000	\$140,000	\$170,000
Chief Information Security Officer	\$175,000	\$200,000	\$280,000
Head of Security	\$160,000	\$180,000	\$220,000
Information Security Analyst	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$120,000
IT Security Manager	\$110,000	\$130,000	\$160,000
Network Security Engineer	\$90,000	\$115,000	\$140,000
Penetration Tester	\$110,000	\$130,000	\$150,000
Security Architect	\$120,000	\$160,000	\$180,000
Security Engineer	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$140,000



IT/Cyber Security | Contract (\$ per hour)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
Application Security Engineer	\$105	\$115	\$125
Information Security Analyst	\$50	\$65	\$80
Network Security Engineer	\$80	\$90	\$100
Penetration Tester	\$90	\$105	\$115
Security Architect	\$105	\$115	\$130
Security Engineer	\$80	\$90	\$105

Senior Tech Appointments, Project & Product Management | Permanent (\$ Per annum)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
Agile Coach	\$90,000	\$125,000	\$140,000
Business Analyst	\$70,000	\$100,000	\$120,000
Business Process Analyst	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$100,000
Change Project Manager	\$80,000	\$120,000	\$140,000
Chief Information Security Officer	\$180,000	\$220,000	\$280,000
Chief Technology Officer (large company)	\$250,000	\$325,000	\$400,000
Chief Technology Officer (start up sized company)	\$120,000	\$160,000	\$200,000
Director of Engineering	\$150,000	\$170,000	\$220,000
Director of Infrastructure	\$120,000	\$155,000	\$180,000
Director of Product Management	\$130,000	\$165,000	\$190,000
Director of Program Management	\$120,000	\$155,000	\$180,000
Enterprise Architect	\$100,000	\$140,000	\$160,000
IT Director	\$135,000	\$165,000	\$220,000
IT Manager	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$140,000
IT Operations Manager	\$100,000	\$120,000	\$140,000
IT Project Manager	\$80,000	\$120,000	\$140,000
Localisation Project Manager	\$70,000	\$90,000	\$110,000
PMO Analyst	\$65,000	\$80,000	\$100,000
PMO Manager	\$80,000	\$115,000	\$140,000
Product Manager	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$150,000
Product Owner	\$75,000	\$90,000	\$110,000
Project Coordinator	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$80,000



Job Title	Low	Average	High
Project Manager Development	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$145,000
Scrum Master	\$90,000	\$115,000	\$130,000
Service Delivery Manager	\$70,000	\$90,000	\$120,000
Software Engineering Manager	\$135,000	\$150,000	\$175,000
Solutions Architect	\$100,000	\$130,000	\$160,000
Systems Analyst	\$70,000	\$90,000	\$110,000
Technical Business Analyst	\$85,000	\$100,000	\$120,000
Technical Product Manager	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$130,000
Technical Writer	\$50,000	\$70,000	\$90,000
VP of Engineering	\$170,000	\$200,000	\$250,000
VP of Product	\$170,000	\$200,000	\$250,000
VP of Program Management	\$140,000	\$175,000	\$220,000

Senior Tech Appointments, Project & Product Management | Contract (\$ per hour)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
Agile Coach	\$100	\$120	\$130
Business Analyst	\$40	\$60	\$80
Business Process Analyst	\$30	\$50	\$60
Change Manager	\$40	\$50	\$80
Engineering Manager	\$80	\$100	\$125
Enterprise Architect	\$70	\$95	\$120
ERP Consultant	\$65	\$80	\$100
Head of PMO	\$120	\$140	\$160
Infrastructure Project Manager	\$80	\$100	\$120
Interim CTO	\$120	\$150	\$175
IT Project Manager	\$60	\$95	\$120
Product Manager	\$80	\$100	\$125
Program Manager	\$90	\$115	\$130
Project Coordinator	\$40	\$50	\$60



Job Title	Low	Average	High
Project Manager Development	\$50	\$65	\$90
Scrum Master	\$60	\$75	\$100
Solutions Architect	\$75	\$95	\$120
Technical Writer	\$35	\$55	\$75

Software Engineering | Permanent (\$ Per annum)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
.Net Architect	\$110,000	\$130,000	\$150,000
.Net Developer	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$130,000
Android Developer	\$80,000	\$120,000	\$150,000
C# Developer	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$130,000
C++ Developer	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$140,000
Embedded Software Developer	\$100,000	\$115,000	\$135,000
Front End Developer	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$135,000
Full Stack Developer	\$80,000	\$115,000	\$135,000
iOS Developer	\$80,000	\$120,000	\$150,000
IT Graduate (Software Development)	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$90,000
Java Architect	\$100,000	\$120,000	\$150,000
Java Developer	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$140,000
JavaScript Developer	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$135,000
Node.js Developer	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$140,000
PHP Developer	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$130,000
Python Developer	\$100,000	\$120,000	\$150,000
QA Engineer	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$125,000
QA Manager	\$95,000	\$115,000	\$125,000
QA Tester - Automation	\$70,000	\$85,000	\$105,000
QA Tester - Manual	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$100,000
React.js Developer	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$140,000
RPG Analyst / Developer	\$90,000	\$100,000	\$110,000
Ruby on Rails Developer	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$140,000
Salesforce Developer	\$100,000	\$130,000	\$140,000



Job Title	Low	Average	High
Software Architect	\$130,000	\$145,000	\$165,000
Software Developer in Test (SDET)	\$95,000	\$110,000	\$120,000
Software Development Team Lead	\$110,000	\$135,000	\$150,000

Software Engineering | Contract (\$ per hour)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
.Net Architect	\$60	\$75	\$110
.Net Developer	\$50	\$70	\$100
Android Developer	\$60	\$75	\$110
C# Developer	\$50	\$70	\$100
C++ Developer	\$50	\$70	\$100
Database Developer	\$55	\$70	\$85
Embedded Software Developer	\$50	\$70	\$100
Front End Developer	\$45	\$70	\$100
Full Stack Developer	\$50	\$70	\$100
iOS Developer	\$60	\$75	\$110
Java Architect	\$60	\$75	\$110
Java Developer	\$50	\$65	\$100
JavaScript Developer	\$50	\$70	\$100
Node.js Developer	\$60	\$75	\$100
PHP Developer	\$45	\$60	\$70
Python Developer	\$55	\$80	\$100
QA Analyst	\$35	\$50	\$70
QA Automation Architect	\$55	\$70	\$80
QA Engineer	\$55	\$65	\$90
QA Manager	\$70	\$85	\$100
QA Tester - Automation	\$45	\$68	\$75
QA Tester - Manual	\$35	\$50	\$70
React.js Developer	\$60	\$75	\$100
RPG Analyst / Developer	\$50	\$60	\$75



Job Title	Low	Average	High
Ruby on Rails Developer	\$50	\$70	\$100
Salesforce Developer	\$60	\$75	\$85
Software Developer in Test (SDET)	\$55	\$70	\$85
Web Developer	\$50	\$65	\$80

Tech Sales | Permanent (\$ Per annum)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
Account Manager (Enterprise)	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$130,000
Account Manager (Mid Market)	\$65,000	\$75,000	\$80,000
Customer Success Manager (Enterprise)	\$85,000	\$105,000	\$130,000
Customer Success Manager (Mid Market)	\$80,000	\$95,000	\$115,000
Sales Development Rep (SDR)	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$50,000
Sales Manager (SaaS)	\$100,000	\$120,000	\$140,000

UX & Design | Permanent (\$ Per annum)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
Information Architect	\$90,000	\$110,000	\$130,000
UI Designer	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$135,000
UI Developer	\$75,000	\$90,000	\$120,000
User Interface Manager	\$90,000	\$120,000	\$130,000
UX Designer	\$75,000	\$90,000	\$120,000
UX Director	\$150,000	\$170,000	\$200,000
UX Manager	\$110,000	\$125,000	\$150,000
VP Design / Head of Design	\$160,000	\$190,000	\$240,000

UX & Design | Contract (\$ per hour)

Job Title	Low	Average	High
Product Designer	\$50	\$70	\$90
UI Developer	\$50	\$70	\$90
UX Copywriter	\$25	\$45	\$70
UX Designer	\$50	\$70	\$90
UX Researcher	\$25	\$35	\$50

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