



- Salary Data 2026

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Welcome



Mark Harper

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We write this years summary and intro into our salary data on the cusp of 2026 feeling hopeful about what lies ahead. If we review some key recent indicators – see below, coupled with the general positive outlook from most quarters of the business community (locally and nationally), I hope you can all share our cause for cautious optimism!

- Stats NZ recent **GDP rose 1.1 %** in the three months ending in September (1.4% higher than this time lats year), but their lies an even more positive narrative when you break down this at sector level with manufacturing and business/professional services, which both grew 2.2 %, and construction boasting a healthy trajectory of 1.7%. On the back of strong dairy and meat performances, exports are up 3.3%.
- Profile Group has also witnessed our own mini green shoots with October '25 revenue being the **highest billing month** in our 12-year history.
- SEEK end of year summary includes 2 interesting highlights:
 - Job ad volumes have risen by 1% for the past five months and are now 9% higher y/y.
 - Applications per ad fell -1% m/m, declining for the first time since early 2022.

All of this represents solid economic green shoots, but despite the business environment for 2026 is looking rosier, the labour market is again pointing to talent attraction as a key challenge for this coming year. With job flow/activity down for at least half of 2025 its fair to say candidate supply and attraction was less challenging than previous years gone by. Both our stats and SEEK point to shift back to previous years as businesses and organisations start to hire gain with greater confidence.

Net migration for the September 2025 year was +12,434 but some may argue we are looking at the wrong stats. Losing our 'home grown' is a growing issue, and its impact on recruitment and retention cannot be underestimated with more 'Kiwis' heading overseas long-term (72,684 in September '25) vs those returning (26,316 in September '25).

So, in short, 2026 will be much better for candidates with business swapping one labour market challenge for another!

Wishing you, your team, and your business a prosperous 2026.

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— Meet the Team



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Overall, we're seeing
a more upbeat business
mood for 2026.

[LET'S SEE THE STATS](#)

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Accounts Assistant

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$63,000	\$69,000			
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$69,000	\$79,000	\$69,000	1% INCREASE	\$50.00_{+GST}

Accounts Payable

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$58,500	\$68,500			
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$68,500	\$79,000	\$69,000	1% INCREASE	\$49.00_{+GST}

Accounts Receivable

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$58,500	\$68,500			
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$68,500	\$81,500	\$70,000	1% INCREASE	\$50.00_{+GST}



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Payroll

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$58,000	\$67,000	 \$81,666	 3% INCREASE	 \$63.00_{+GST}
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$70,000	\$90,000			
MANAGER	\$92,000	\$122,000			

Assistant Accountant

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$62,000	\$72,000	 \$74,000	 2% INCREASE	 \$56.50_{+GST}
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$72,000	\$87,000			

Office Administrator

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$52,000	\$58,000	 \$60,000	 5% INCREASE	 \$42.80_{+GST}
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$60,000	\$67,000			



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Office Manager

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$65,000	\$75,000			
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$80,000	\$90,000	\$78,000	6% INCREASE	\$55.60_{+GST}



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Recently Qualified Accountant

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$80,000	\$92,000			
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$92,000	\$103,000	\$92,000	3% INCREASE	\$70.00_{+GST}

Financial Accountant

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$92,000	\$102,000			
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$105,000	\$125,000	\$108,000	3% INCREASE	\$82.50_{+GST}

Management Accountant

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$87,000	\$102,500			
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$105,000	\$120,000	\$102,500	2% INCREASE	\$85.00_{+GST}



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Group Accountant

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$92,000	\$111,000	 \$112,500	 2% INCREASE	 \$115.00+GST
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$110,000	\$130,000			
MANAGER	\$140,000	\$160,000			

Systems Accountant

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$90,000	\$100,000	 \$112,500	 3% INCREASE	 \$115.00+GST
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$110,000	\$150,000			

Commercial/Financial Analyst

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$85,000	\$100,000	 \$105,000	 2% INCREASE	 \$82.50+GST
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$100,000	\$135,000			



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Finance Business Partner

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$110,000	\$125,000			
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$125,000	\$150,000	\$127,500	2% INCREASE	\$97.50_{+GST}

Finance Manager

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$120,000	\$125,000			
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$130,000	\$160,000	\$138,000	4% INCREASE	\$100.00_{+GST}



Financial Executive

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Financial Controller

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$150,000	\$180,000			
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$180,000	\$220,000	\$182,500	-3% DECREASE	\$130.00_{+GST}

Commercial Manager

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$140,000	\$160,000			
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$160,000	\$230,000	\$172,500	-4% DECREASE	\$125.00_{+GST}

Chief Financial Officer

	LOW	HIGH	AVG YEARLY SALARY	SALARY INFLATION YOY	AVG TEMP HOURLY RATE
ENTRY LEVEL SALARY	\$225,000	\$285,000			
EXPERIENCED SALARY	\$290,000	\$360,000	\$278,750	5% INCREASE	\$160.00_{+GST}



— Methodology

Data Source & Parameters

Our salary guide aims to support all local businesses, candidates and hiring managers with tangible figures, based on local market data, from recent activity.

We source our data from recent and historic appointments which consider outliers that are not reflective of market conditions due to unique, exceptional circumstances.

All figures are basic salary and do not measure bonuses or any additional parts of a package. Methodologies on role and salary sizing are complex and are not a 'one size fits all' approach. As such our salary data is only a GUIDE. In addition to our data we recommend considering contingent factors such as:

- Tenure in the role and history of 'value add' and IP
- Range of accountabilities and role scope. Two roles are never the same
- Organisational structure and where the role is placed
- Level of expertise and calibre of the individual
- Candidate availability and the number of alternative roles in the market they are considering.

For more tangible and 'company specific' salary data we are happy to advise, however more information and data is required to accurately assess. To provide you with additional, ongoing insights, we also produce regular labour data reports which can be found at

www.profilegroup.co.nz/labour-market-reports

For additional insight and reporting please contact enquiries@profilegroup.co.nz

EXPERIENCE LEVEL BREAKDOWN / DEFINITIONS

ENTRY LEVEL

Less than 2 years of demonstrable experience in that discipline

EXPERIENCED

2 or more years of demonstrable experience in that discipline

MANAGER

Leading a team of direct reports in that discipline

