2015 Speech & Hearing Salary Survey Results

Average Salaries by Title, Gender and Job Satisfaction
PART 1: AVERAGE SALARIES

With the help of more than 1,400 respondents for our 2015 Salary Survey, we have revealed some interesting results. Part 1 of this three-part series showed the overall average salary for individuals working full-time in all speech and hearing positions included in our survey to be $67,519 overall. But the survey had a lot more to say, and you might be surprised how your career choices have affected your compensation.

In Part 2 of this three-part series, we break down average salaries by:

- **Title**
- **Gender**
- **Job Satisfaction**

### Title

Speech-language pathologists are the largest group of respondents in our annual salary survey (46%); however audiologists earned the most among all of our survey takers with an average salary of $81,180. Professors and research scientists followed closely behind at $77,401 on average, while our survey takers earning the third-highest wages are speech-language pathologists at $65,213 on average.

### Gender

Overall, men who participated in our salary survey reported earning about 30% more than women. But even within the various professional levels, men reported earning more money. Men who are staff SLPs said they earn an average of 21% more than women in the same position, for example. Meanwhile, women continue to dominate the speech and hearing professions, accounting for a whopping 95% of our survey takers.
Job Satisfaction

Speech and hearing professionals who participated in our survey are a pretty happy bunch, with 89% rating their level of job satisfaction as “Very Satisfied” or “Somewhat Satisfied.” Audiolists who participated in our annual survey reported being the happiest, followed by SLPs. Hearing practice managers and staff are the least satisfied among our survey takers. Overall, however, only 11% of the respondents to our survey said they were “not very satisfied” while only 4% expressed a desire to leave the speech and hearing professions altogether.

Speech and hearing professionals had a lot to say about their compensation this year. If you missed the average salaries by employment status, employment setting and age, be sure check out Part 1 of this three-part series. In Part 3, we will wrap up our discussion with information on pay by region, experience, and rural, suburban and urban geographical settings.