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**TO:** Interested Persons

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**SUBJECT:** 2024 and 2025 Salaries for Elected County Officials

## Summary

Calendar year 2024 and 2025 salaries for elected county officials are shown in Table 1 on pages 3 and 4. These salaries are determined pursuant to section 30-2-102, C.R.S., which sets a schedule of salaries for calendar years 2016 and 2017 and requires Legislative Council Staff to index the salaries to inflation every two years thereafter.

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Salaries for 2024 and 2025 were increased by the rate of change in the Denver-Aurora-Lakewood Consumer Price Index between the first half of 2021 and the first half of 2023, or 14.65 percent.<sup>1</sup> Salaries have increased by a total of 33.0 percent since 2015. Tables 2 through 6 contain a history of salaries for these elected county offices since 2016.

## Background

Article XIV, Section 15, of the Colorado Constitution requires the General Assembly to set the salary levels for county commissioners, sheriffs, treasurers, assessors, clerks and recorders, and coroners. County officers cannot have their compensation changed during their terms of office. Further, any change may occur only when the compensation of all county officers within the same county is adjusted, or when the compensation for the same county office in all of the counties of the state is increased or decreased.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.bls.gov/cpi/data.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cpi/data.htm), CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), All Items in Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, series ID CUURS48BSA0.



Section 30-2-102, C.R.S., sets these salaries for officials within different categories of counties. The law assigns a category to each statutory county based on factors reflecting the tax resources available to and workload of officials within each county, including total population, population in unincorporated areas, assessed values, motor vehicle registration, building permits, and military installations. In general, the counties in categories I through III are larger counties that are required to pay higher salaries than counties in categories IV through VI.

The current schedule of salaries, which is contained in section 30-2-102 (2.3) (a), C.R.S., was enacted by *Senate Bill 15-288* and *House Bill 16-1367* using recommendations from the “County Elected Officials’ Salary Commission,” an independent commission created and later repealed by the General Assembly. Legislation is required to move counties to another category, and since 2015 three bills have done so, resulting in higher or lower salaries in some counties. These changes are as follows:

- HB 18-1242* Effective for terms commencing after August 8, 2018:
- Grand County moved from III-D to III-B
  - Rio Grande County moved from IV-D to IV-C
  - Saguache County moved from V-D to V-B
  - Jackson County moved from VI-D to VI-C
  - Sedgwick County moved from VI-B to VI-C
- HB 20-1281* Effective for terms commencing after September 14, 2020:
- Alamosa County moved from III-A to III-B
  - Yuma County moved from IV-B to IV-C
- HB 23-1139* Effective for terms commencing after March 23, 2023:
- Archuleta and Delta counties moved from category III-B to III-A
  - Montezuma County moved from III-D to III-A
  - Las Animas County moved from III-D to III-C
  - Grand County moved from III-B to II-A
  - Pitkin County moved from II-C to II-B
  - Saguache County moved from V-B to V-A
  - Ouray County moved from IV-A to III-A
  - Summit, Eagle, and Routt counties moved from II-A to I-A

Finally, *Senate Bill 22-065* modified the salary schedule by allowing counties in some categories to designate the coroner’s position as a full time position. The bill increased the pay for the full time coroner to match the salaries for elected treasurers, assessors, clerks, and commissioners. This was effective for coroners whose terms commenced on or after January 1, 2023.

The home rule counties of Weld and Pitkin, and the home rule city and county governments of Broomfield and Denver, are authorized by the state constitution to set their own compensation rates.



**Table 1** (continued on the next page)  
**2024 and 2025 Salaries for Elected County Officers**  
 (Pursuant to Section 30-2-102, C.R.S.)

Category	Commissioners	Sheriffs	Treasurers, Assessors, & Clerks	Counties
<b>I-A</b>	\$150,991	\$192,155	\$150,991	Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Douglas, Eagle, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, Pueblo, Routt, Summit, and Weld*
<b>I-B</b>	\$139,376	\$177,374	\$139,376	
<b>I-C</b>	\$127,762	\$162,592	\$127,762	
<b>I-D</b>	\$116,147	\$147,811	\$116,147	Mesa
<b>II-A</b>	\$125,394	\$151,683	\$125,394	Garfield, Grand, and La Plata
<b>II-B</b>	\$115,748	\$140,015	\$115,748	Pitkin*
<b>II-C</b>	\$106,102	\$128,347	\$106,102	Fremont
<b>II-D</b>	\$96,457	\$116,679	\$96,457	
<b>III-A</b>	\$101,180	\$131,447	\$101,180	Archuleta, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Delta, Gunnison, Moffat, Montezuma, Montrose, Morgan, Ouray, Park, Rio Blanco, San Miguel, and Teller
<b>III-B</b>	\$93,397	\$121,336	\$93,397	Alamosa, Gilpin, and Logan
<b>III-C</b>	\$85,614	\$111,224	\$85,614	Otero, Las Animas
<b>III-D</b>	\$77,830	\$101,113	\$77,830	
<b>IV-A</b>	\$85,959	\$115,189	\$85,959	Custer, Elbert, and Prowers
<b>IV-B</b>	\$79,347	\$106,328	\$79,347	Kit Carson, Lake, and Washington
<b>IV-C</b>	\$72,735	\$97,468	\$72,735	Huerfano, Rio Grande, and Yuma
<b>IV-D</b>	\$66,123	\$88,607	\$66,123	
<b>V-A</b>	\$75,755	\$84,922	\$75,755	Baca, Conejos, Costilla, Lincoln, Mineral, Phillips, Saguache, and San Juan
<b>V-B</b>	\$69,928	\$78,389	\$69,928	Crowley and Hinsdale
<b>V-C</b>	\$64,100	\$71,857	\$64,100	Bent and Dolores
<b>V-D</b>	\$58,273	\$65,324	\$58,273	Cheyenne
<b>VI-A</b>	\$68,664	\$80,425	\$68,664	
<b>VI-B</b>	\$63,382	\$74,238	\$63,382	
<b>VI-C</b>	\$58,100	\$68,052	\$58,100	Jackson and Sedgwick
<b>VI-D</b>	\$52,818	\$61,865	\$52,818	Kiowa

\* Home rule counties are authorized to set their own compensation rate (Pitkin and Weld Counties). In addition, the cities and counties of Broomfield and Denver are also authorized to set their own compensation rate.



**Table 1 (continued)**  
**2024 and 2025 Salaries for Elected County Officers**  
*(Pursuant to Section 30-2-102, C.R.S.)*

Category	Coroners Part Time	Coroners Full Time	Surveyors	Counties
<b>I-A</b>	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$150,991	\$9,513	Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Douglas, Eagle, El Paso, Jefferson, Larimer, Pueblo, Routt, Summit, and Weld*
<b>I-B</b>	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$139,376	\$8,781	
<b>I-C</b>	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$127,762	\$8,049	
<b>I-D</b>	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$116,147	\$7,317	Mesa
<b>II-A</b>	\$76,447	\$125,394	\$7,610	Garfield, Grand, and La Plata
<b>II-B</b>	\$70,566	\$115,748	\$7,025	Pitkin*
<b>II-C</b>	\$64,686	\$106,102	\$6,439	Fremont
<b>II-D</b>	\$58,805	\$96,457	\$5,854	
<b>III-A</b>	\$57,249	\$101,180	\$5,708	Archuleta, Chaffee, Clear Creek, Delta, Gunnison, Moffat, Montezuma, Montrose, Morgan, Ouray, Park, Rio Blanco, San Miguel, and Teller
<b>III-B</b>	\$52,845	\$93,397	\$5,269	Alamosa, Gilpin, and Logan
<b>III-C</b>	\$48,441	\$85,614	\$4,829	Otero, Las Animas
<b>III-D</b>	\$44,037	\$77,830	\$4,390	
<b>IV-A</b>	\$38,223	\$85,959	\$3,805	Custer, Elbert, and Prowers
<b>IV-B</b>	\$35,283	\$79,347	\$3,512	Kit Carson, Lake, and Washington
<b>IV-C</b>	\$32,343	\$72,735	\$3,220	Huerfano, Rio Grande, and Yuma
<b>IV-D</b>	\$29,403	\$66,123	\$2,927	
<b>V-A</b>	\$17,123	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,903	Baca, Conejos, Costilla, Lincoln, Mineral, Phillips, Saguache, and San Juan
<b>V-B</b>	\$15,806	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,756	Crowley and Hinsdale
<b>V-C</b>	\$14,488	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,610	Bent and Dolores
<b>V-D</b>	\$13,171	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,463	Cheyenne
<b>VI-A</b>	\$15,566	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,730	
<b>VI-B</b>	\$14,369	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,597	
<b>VI-C</b>	\$13,171	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,463	Jackson and Sedgwick
<b>VI-D</b>	\$11,974	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,330	Kiowa

\* Home rule counties are authorized to set their own compensation rate (Pitkin and Weld Counties). In addition, the cities and counties of Broomfield and Denver are also authorized to set their own compensation rate.



**Table 2**  
**2016 and 2017 Salaries for Elected County Officers**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Sheriffs</b>	<b>Treasurers, Assessors, and Clerks</b>	<b>Coroners</b>	<b>Surveyors</b>
<b>I-A</b>	\$113,490	\$144,430	\$113,490	\$113,490	\$7,150
<b>I-B</b>	\$104,760	\$133,320	\$104,760	\$104,760	\$6,600
<b>I-C</b>	\$96,030	\$122,210	\$96,030	\$96,030	\$6,050
<b>I-D</b>	\$87,300	\$111,100	\$87,300	\$87,300	\$5,500
<b>II-A</b>	\$94,250	\$114,010	\$94,250	\$57,460	\$5,720
<b>II-B</b>	\$87,000	\$105,240	\$87,000	\$53,040	\$5,280
<b>II-C</b>	\$79,750	\$96,470	\$79,750	\$48,620	\$4,840
<b>II-D</b>	\$72,500	\$87,700	\$72,500	\$44,200	\$4,400
<b>III-A</b>	\$76,050	\$98,800	\$76,050	\$43,030	\$4,290
<b>III-B</b>	\$70,200	\$91,200	\$70,200	\$39,720	\$3,960
<b>III-C</b>	\$64,350	\$83,600	\$64,350	\$36,410	\$3,630
<b>III-D</b>	\$58,500	\$76,000	\$58,500	\$33,100	\$3,300
<b>IV-A</b>	\$64,610	\$86,580	\$64,610	\$28,730	\$2,860
<b>IV-B</b>	\$59,640	\$79,920	\$59,640	\$26,520	\$2,640
<b>IV-C</b>	\$54,670	\$73,260	\$54,670	\$24,310	\$2,420
<b>IV-D</b>	\$49,700	\$66,600	\$49,700	\$22,100	\$2,200
<b>V-A</b>	\$56,940	\$63,830	\$56,940	\$12,870	\$1,430
<b>V-B</b>	\$52,560	\$58,920	\$52,560	\$11,880	\$1,320
<b>V-C</b>	\$48,180	\$54,010	\$48,180	\$10,890	\$1,210
<b>V-D</b>	\$43,800	\$49,100	\$43,800	\$9,900	\$1,100
<b>VI-A</b>	\$51,610	\$60,450	\$51,610	\$11,700	\$1,300
<b>VI-B</b>	\$47,640	\$55,800	\$47,640	\$10,800	\$1,200
<b>VI-C</b>	\$43,670	\$51,150	\$43,670	\$9,900	\$1,100
<b>VI-D</b>	\$39,700	\$46,500	\$39,700	\$9,000	\$1,000



**Table 3  
2018 and 2019 Salaries for Elected County Officers**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Sheriffs</b>	<b>Treasurers, Assessors, and Clerks</b>	<b>Coroners</b>	<b>Surveyors</b>
<b>I-A</b>	\$120,485	\$153,332	\$120,485	\$120,485	\$7,591
<b>I-B</b>	\$111,217	\$141,537	\$111,217	\$111,217	\$7,007
<b>I-C</b>	\$101,949	\$129,742	\$101,949	\$101,949	\$6,423
<b>I-D</b>	\$92,681	\$117,947	\$92,681	\$92,681	\$5,839
<b>II-A</b>	\$100,059	\$121,037	\$100,059	\$61,001	\$6,073
<b>II-B</b>	\$92,362	\$111,726	\$92,362	\$56,309	\$5,605
<b>II-C</b>	\$84,665	\$102,416	\$84,665	\$51,617	\$5,138
<b>II-D</b>	\$76,968	\$93,105	\$76,968	\$46,924	\$4,671
<b>III-A</b>	\$80,737	\$104,889	\$80,737	\$45,682	\$4,554
<b>III-B</b>	\$74,527	\$96,821	\$74,527	\$42,168	\$4,204
<b>III-C</b>	\$68,316	\$88,753	\$68,316	\$38,654	\$3,854
<b>III-D</b>	\$62,106	\$80,684	\$62,106	\$35,140	\$3,503
<b>IV-A</b>	\$68,592	\$91,916	\$68,592	\$30,501	\$3,036
<b>IV-B</b>	\$63,316	\$84,846	\$63,316	\$28,155	\$2,803
<b>IV-C</b>	\$58,039	\$77,775	\$58,039	\$25,808	\$2,569
<b>IV-D</b>	\$52,763	\$70,705	\$52,763	\$23,462	\$2,336
<b>V-A</b>	\$60,449	\$67,764	\$60,449	\$13,663	\$1,518
<b>V-B</b>	\$55,799	\$62,551	\$55,799	\$12,612	\$1,401
<b>V-C</b>	\$51,149	\$57,339	\$51,149	\$11,561	\$1,285
<b>V-D</b>	\$46,500	\$52,126	\$46,500	\$10,510	\$1,168
<b>VI-A</b>	\$54,791	\$64,176	\$54,791	\$12,421	\$1,380
<b>VI-B</b>	\$50,576	\$59,239	\$50,576	\$11,466	\$1,274
<b>VI-C</b>	\$46,362	\$54,303	\$46,362	\$10,510	\$1,168
<b>VI-D</b>	\$42,147	\$49,366	\$42,147	\$9,555	\$1,062



**Table 4**  
**2020 and 2021 Salaries for Elected County Officers**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Sheriffs</b>	<b>Treasurers, Assessors, and Clerks</b>	<b>Coroners</b>	<b>Surveyors</b>
<b>I-A</b>	\$125,913	\$160,239	\$125,913	\$125,913	\$7,933
<b>I-B</b>	\$116,227	\$147,913	\$116,227	\$116,227	\$7,322
<b>I-C</b>	\$106,541	\$135,587	\$106,541	\$106,541	\$6,712
<b>I-D</b>	\$96,856	\$123,261	\$96,856	\$96,856	\$6,102
<b>II-A</b>	\$104,567	\$126,490	\$104,567	\$63,750	\$6,346
<b>II-B</b>	\$96,523	\$116,760	\$96,523	\$58,846	\$5,858
<b>II-C</b>	\$88,479	\$107,030	\$88,479	\$53,942	\$5,370
<b>II-D</b>	\$80,436	\$97,300	\$80,436	\$49,038	\$4,882
<b>III-A</b>	\$84,374	\$109,615	\$84,374	\$47,740	\$4,760
<b>III-B</b>	\$77,884	\$101,183	\$77,884	\$44,068	\$4,393
<b>III-C</b>	\$71,394	\$92,751	\$71,394	\$40,395	\$4,027
<b>III-D</b>	\$64,903	\$84,319	\$64,903	\$36,723	\$3,661
<b>IV-A</b>	\$71,682	\$96,057	\$71,682	\$31,875	\$3,173
<b>IV-B</b>	\$66,168	\$88,668	\$66,168	\$29,423	\$2,929
<b>IV-C</b>	\$60,654	\$81,279	\$60,654	\$26,971	\$2,685
<b>IV-D</b>	\$55,140	\$73,890	\$55,140	\$24,519	\$2,441
<b>V-A</b>	\$63,173	\$70,817	\$63,173	\$14,279	\$1,587
<b>V-B</b>	\$58,313	\$65,369	\$58,313	\$13,180	\$1,464
<b>V-C</b>	\$53,454	\$59,922	\$53,454	\$12,082	\$1,342
<b>V-D</b>	\$48,594	\$54,475	\$48,594	\$10,984	\$1,220
<b>VI-A</b>	\$57,259	\$67,067	\$57,259	\$12,981	\$1,442
<b>VI-B</b>	\$52,855	\$61,908	\$52,855	\$11,982	\$1,331
<b>VI-C</b>	\$48,450	\$56,749	\$48,450	\$10,984	\$1,220
<b>VI-D</b>	\$44,046	\$51,590	\$44,046	\$9,985	\$1,109



**Table 5  
2022 Salaries for Elected County Officers**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Sheriffs</b>	<b>Treasurers, Assessors, and Clerks</b>	<b>Coroners</b>	<b>Surveyors</b>
<b>I-A</b>	\$131,701	\$167,606	\$131,701	\$131,701	\$8,297
<b>I-B</b>	\$121,570	\$154,713	\$121,570	\$121,570	\$7,659
<b>I-C</b>	\$111,439	\$141,820	\$111,439	\$111,439	\$7,021
<b>I-D</b>	\$101,308	\$128,927	\$101,308	\$101,308	\$6,383
<b>II-A</b>	\$109,374	\$132,304	\$109,374	\$66,680	\$6,638
<b>II-B</b>	\$100,960	\$122,127	\$100,960	\$61,551	\$6,127
<b>II-C</b>	\$92,547	\$111,950	\$92,547	\$56,422	\$5,617
<b>II-D</b>	\$84,134	\$101,773	\$84,134	\$51,292	\$5,106
<b>III-A</b>	\$88,253	\$114,654	\$88,253	\$49,935	\$4,978
<b>III-B</b>	\$81,465	\$105,834	\$81,465	\$46,094	\$4,595
<b>III-C</b>	\$74,676	\$97,015	\$74,676	\$42,252	\$4,212
<b>III-D</b>	\$67,887	\$88,195	\$67,887	\$38,411	\$3,830
<b>IV-A</b>	\$74,978	\$100,473	\$74,978	\$33,340	\$3,319
<b>IV-B</b>	\$69,210	\$92,744	\$69,210	\$30,775	\$3,064
<b>IV-C</b>	\$63,443	\$85,016	\$63,443	\$28,211	\$2,808
<b>IV-D</b>	\$57,675	\$77,287	\$57,675	\$25,646	\$2,553
<b>V-A</b>	\$66,077	\$74,072	\$66,077	\$14,935	\$1,659
<b>V-B</b>	\$60,994	\$68,374	\$60,994	\$13,786	\$1,532
<b>V-C</b>	\$55,911	\$62,677	\$55,911	\$12,637	\$1,404
<b>V-D</b>	\$50,828	\$56,979	\$50,828	\$11,489	\$1,277
<b>VI-A</b>	\$59,891	\$70,150	\$59,891	\$13,577	\$1,509
<b>VI-B</b>	\$55,284	\$64,754	\$55,284	\$12,533	\$1,393
<b>VI-C</b>	\$50,677	\$59,358	\$50,677	\$11,489	\$1,277
<b>VI-D</b>	\$46,070	\$53,962	\$46,070	\$10,444	\$1,160





**Table 6  
2023 Salaries for Elected County Officers**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Sheriffs</b>	<b>Treasurers, Assessors, and Clerks</b>	<b>Coroners Part Time</b>	<b>Coroners Full Time*</b>	<b>Surveyors</b>
<b>I-A</b>	\$131,701	\$167,606	\$131,701	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$131,701	\$8,297
<b>I-B</b>	\$121,570	\$154,713	\$121,570	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$121,570	\$7,659
<b>I-C</b>	\$111,439	\$141,820	\$111,439	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$111,439	\$7,021
<b>I-D</b>	\$101,308	\$128,927	\$101,308	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$101,308	\$6,383
<b>II-A</b>	\$109,374	\$132,304	\$109,374	\$66,680	\$109,374	\$6,638
<b>II-B</b>	\$100,960	\$122,127	\$100,960	\$61,551	\$100,960	\$6,127
<b>II-C</b>	\$92,547	\$111,950	\$92,547	\$56,422	\$92,547	\$5,617
<b>II-D</b>	\$84,134	\$101,773	\$84,134	\$51,292	\$84,134	\$5,106
<b>III-A</b>	\$88,253	\$114,654	\$88,253	\$49,935	\$88,253	\$4,978
<b>III-B</b>	\$81,465	\$105,834	\$81,465	\$46,094	\$81,465	\$4,595
<b>III-C</b>	\$74,676	\$97,015	\$74,676	\$42,252	\$74,676	\$4,212
<b>III-D</b>	\$67,887	\$88,195	\$67,887	\$38,411	\$67,887	\$3,830
<b>IV-A</b>	\$74,978	\$100,473	\$74,978	\$33,340	\$74,978	\$3,319
<b>IV-B</b>	\$69,210	\$92,744	\$69,210	\$30,775	\$69,210	\$3,064
<b>IV-C</b>	\$63,443	\$85,016	\$63,443	\$28,211	\$63,443	\$2,808
<b>IV-D</b>	\$57,675	\$77,287	\$57,675	\$25,646	\$57,675	\$2,553
<b>V-A</b>	\$66,077	\$74,072	\$66,077	\$14,935	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,659
<b>V-B</b>	\$60,994	\$68,374	\$60,994	\$13,786	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,532
<b>V-C</b>	\$55,911	\$62,677	\$55,911	\$12,637	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,404
<b>V-D</b>	\$50,828	\$56,979	\$50,828	\$11,489	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,277
<b>VI-A</b>	\$59,891	\$70,150	\$59,891	\$13,577	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,509
<b>VI-B</b>	\$55,284	\$64,754	\$55,284	\$12,533	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,393
<b>VI-C</b>	\$50,677	\$59,358	\$50,677	\$11,489	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,277
<b>VI-D</b>	\$46,070	\$53,962	\$46,070	\$10,444	<i>Not applicable</i>	\$1,160

*\*Senate Bill 22-065 allowed full time salaries for coroners in certain categories; these salaries apply only to coroners whose terms began on or after January 1, 2023. Coroners whose terms began prior to January 1, 2023 received the salaries listed in Table 5 during 2022 and 2023.*