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WAGES AND SALARY SUMMARY

This is the third of a continuing series of compilations of wage, salary, and fringe benefit data for boroughs in Luzerne County.

Because specific job descriptions are not a part of this Summary, local government officials in Luzerne County should be careful in making comparisons in pay scales. Public officials should keep in mind the varying degrees of responsibility and authority, along with the diversities in functions and duties, in the various offices, even those with the same titles. The purpose of the Report is merely to present the facts rather than make a judgment on policy.

The boroughs in Luzerne County are grouped according to their 1960 population. Each borough is listed alphabetically in one of the five population groupings. Certain of the communities - Freeland, Exeter, Courtdale, Laurel Run, New Columbus, and Yatesville - did not report the wages and salary data at the time of publication of this Summary.

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

	<u>Mayor</u> ¹	<u>Councilman</u> ²	<u>Auditor Controller</u>	<u>Tax Collector</u>
<u>Boroughs Over 10,000</u>				
Kingston	\$2,400	\$1,200	\$1,000 ³	\$1,500
Plymouth	1,980	300	1,320	1,200
<u>Boroughs 5,000 to 10,000</u>				
Duryea	700	300	150	5%
Edwardsville	700	600	150	2%
Forty Fort	600	---	550	1,700+4%
Freeland	---	---	---	---
Luzerne	985	220	375 ³	3%
Swoyersville	900	300	140	1,800+4 1/2%
West Hazleton	700	480	250	2%
West Pittston	600	300	150	2% ²¹
<u>Boroughs 2,500 to 5,000</u>				
Ashley	780	300	180	2%
Avoca	360	---	100	5%
Dallas	150	---	25	1,500
Dupont	450	---	50	5%
Exeter	550	300	150	1,000
Larksville	700	240	750	300
West Wyoming	360	240	240	5%
Wyoming	360	240	100	3%
<u>Boroughs 1,000 to 2,500</u>				
Conyngam	---	---	25	2%
Hughestown	240	180	150	2%
Nescopeck	240	---	150	300
Pringle	200	---	200 ³	300
Schickshinny	---	180	75	5%
Sugar Notch	200	180	75	3 1/2%
White Haven	200	---	5 ⁴	500
<u>Boroughs under 1,000</u>				
Courtdale	---	---	---	---
Jeddo	---	---	6	5%
Laflin	50	24	12.50	5%
Laurel Run	---	---	---	---
New Columbus	---	---	---	---
Nuangola	90	60	75	5%
Warrior Run	200	120	75	400
Yatesville	---	---	---	---

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Health Officer</u>	<u>Building Inspector</u>	<u>Janitor</u>
<u>Boroughs Over 10,000</u>					
Kingston	\$5,623	--- ⁵	\$1,880	\$5,000	\$3,732
Plymouth	2,600	1 ⁵	218	300	1,200
<u>Boroughs 5,000 to 10,000</u>					
Duryea	1,200	960	---	---	2,600
Edwardsville	1,500	300	State	---	300
Forty Fort	1,376	200	630	---	---
Freeland	---	---	---	---	---
Luzerne	1,780	120	State	---	960
Swoyersville	1,200	600	State	---	2,400
West Hazleton	1,500	420	State	---	---
West Pittston	1,800	150	300	---	2,808
<u>Boroughs 2,500 to 5,000</u>					
Ashley	2,000	480	State	---	100
Avoca	2,700	---	State	---	---
Dallas	720	50	State	---	---
Dupont	600	240	State	---	300
Exeter	1,200	200	State	---	---
Larksville	1,000	---	State	---	---
West Wyoming	600	480	State	---	3,100 ⁷
Wyoming	900	516	State	---	1,300
<u>Boroughs 1,000 to 2,500</u>					
Conyngham	250	200	State	---	---
Hughestown	350	300	State	---	240
Nescopeck	400	---	120	---	---
Pringle	420	300	State	---	8
Shickshinny	750	50	State	---	---
Sugar Notch	480 ⁶	---	---	---	1,200
White Haven	780 ⁶	---	---	---	1.45/hr.
<u>Boroughs under 1,000</u>					
Courtdale	---	--- ⁵	---	---	---
Jeddo	50	50	30	---	---
Laflin	75	45	State	---	---
Laurel Run	---	---	---	---	---
New Columbus	---	---	---	---	---
Nuangola	150	2%	State	---	---
Warrior Run	360	180	120	---	540
Yatesville	---	---	---	---	---

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

	<u>Engineer 9</u>	<u>Solicitor 10</u>
<u>Boroughs Over 10,000</u>		
Kingston	\$3,000	\$2,434
Plymouth	400	2,270
<u>Boroughs 5,000 to 10,000</u>		
Duryea	1,000	1,050
Edwardsville	---	840
Forty Fort	---	1,000
Freeland	---	---
Luzerne	1,200	1,200
Swoyersville	1,500	1,200
West Hazleton	---	1,800
West Pittston	1,800	1,500
<u>Boroughs 2,500 to 5,000</u>		
Ashley	1,200	1,200
Avoca	100	900
Dallas	---	500
Dupont	900	350
Exeter	900	1,500
Larksville	---	1,000
West Wyoming	---	500
Wyoming	3.00/hr.	840
<u>Boroughs 1,000 to 2,500</u>		
Conygnham	100	750
Hughstown	---	600
Nescopeck	---	125
Pringle	---	420
Shickshinny	---	500
Sugar Notch	200	480
White Haven	---	250
<u>Boroughs under 1,000</u>		
Courtdale	---	---
Jeddo	30	50
Laflin	50	100
Laurel Run	---	---
New Columbus	---	---
Nuangola	---	100
Warrior Run	---	300
Yatesville	---	---

PUBLIC WORKS

	Street Commissioner	Equipment Operator	Laborer	Mechanic	Driver
<u>Boroughs Over 10,000</u>					
Kingston	\$5,155 ¹¹	---	\$3,744	\$5,500	\$4,250
Plymouth	4,382	---	1.50/hr.	---	1.35/hr.
<u>Boroughs 5,000 to 10,000</u>					
Duryea	3,000	---	1.25/hr.	---	2,800
Edwardsville	3,690	---	1.50/hr.	---	---
Forty Fort	4,859	---	1.55/hr.	---	1.55/hr.
Freeland	---	---	---	---	---
Luzerne	3,500 ¹²	---	1.25/hr.	---	---
Swoyersville	3,900	---	1.25/hr.	---	3,900
West Hazleton	5,000	---	1.90/hr.	---	---
West Pittston	4,400	---	1.60/hr.	1.70/hr.	1.60/hr.
<u>Boroughs 2,500 to 5,000</u>					
Ashley	4,176	---	1.45/hr.	1.45/hr.	1.60/hr.
Avoca	2,900	---	2,700	---	---
Dallas	2.00/hr.	---	1.75/hr.	---	1.60/hr.
Dupont	---	1.50/hr.	1.25/hr.	---	1.50/hr.
Exeter	3,260	---	1.15/hr.	---	1.15/hr.
Larksville	3,600	---	1.40/hr.	---	1.40/hr.
West Wyoming	1.25/hr.	---	1.10/hr.	---	---
Wyoming	3,350	1.30/hr.	1.25/hr.	---	1.15/hr.
<u>Boroughs 1,000 to 2,500</u>					
Conyngham	---	---	---	---	---
Hughestown	3,060	---	---	---	3,060
Nescopeck	4,500 ¹³	---	1.50/hr.	---	1.50/hr.
Pringle	1.50/hr.	---	1.25/hr.	---	1.50/hr.
Schickshinny	1.75/hr.	---	1.25/hr.	---	---
Sugar Notch	900	---	\$9/day	---	---
White Haven	4,100	1.50/hr.	1.45/hr.	1.50/hr.	1.50/hr.
<u>Boroughs Under 1,000</u>					
Courtdale	---	---	---	---	---
Jeddo	---	---	---	---	---
Lafin	---	---	---	---	---
Laurel Run	---	---	---	---	---
New Columbus	---	---	1.25/hr.	---	1.25/hr.
Nuangola	150	---	\$5/day	---	\$6.50/day
Warrior Run	---	---	---	---	---
Yatesville	---	---	---	---	---

POLICE			
<u>Boroughs Over 10,000</u>	<u>Police Chief</u>	<u>Sergeant</u>	<u>Patrolman</u>
Kingston	\$5,800	---	\$4,800 ¹⁷
Plymouth	4,562	\$4,163	3,924
<u>Boroughs 5,000 to 10,000</u>			
Duryea	3,600	---	---
Edwardsville	4,440	4,260	4,140
Forty Fort	4,330	4,120	4,000
Freeland	---	---	---
Luzerne	3,720 ¹⁴	3,660	3,260
Swoyersville	4,100	3,740	3,100
West Hazleton	5,300	4,835	4,085
West Pittston	4,632	4,428	4,368
<u>Boroughs 2,500 to 5,000</u>			
Ashley	4,560	4,032	4,020
Avoca	3,750	3,450	---
Dallas	4,000	3,600 ¹⁵	3,600
Dupont	600	1.00/hr.	1.00/hr.
Exeter	3,320	---	3,200
Larksville	4,400	4,200	4,000
West Wyoming	3,300	---	720
Wyoming	3,300	3,220	1.25/hr.
<u>Boroughs 1,000 to 2,500</u>			
Conyngham	5,200	---	---
Hughestown	250	200 ¹⁵	150 ¹⁶
Nescopeck	4,500	---	1.25/hr.
Pringle	540	240	---
Shickshinny	3,900	---	1,080 ²²
Sugar Notch	---	---	180/mo.
White Haven	3,740	---	3,120
<u>Boroughs Under 1,000</u>			
Courtdale	---	---	---
Jeddo	60	---	---
Laflin	60	60	60
Laurel Run	---	---	---
New Columbus	---	---	670
Nuangola	---	---	720
Warrior Run	---	---	---
Yatesville	---	---	---

	<u>Fire Chief</u>	<u>Assistant Fire Chief</u>	<u>Paid Fire Truck Drivers</u>
<u>Boroughs Over 10,000</u>			
Kingston	\$5,800	\$ 642	\$4,800
Plymouth	100	---	3,924
<u>Boroughs 5,000 to 10,000</u>			
Duryea	300	---	---
Edwardsville	150	75	4,140
Forty Fort	2.25/hr.	---	4,000
Freeland	---	---	---
Luzerne	---	---	---
Swoyersville	---	---	---
West Hazleton	300	---	4,556 ¹⁸
West Pittston	300	---	---
<u>Boroughs 2,500 to 5,000</u>			
Ashley	50	---	---
Avoca	---	---	---
Dallas	---	---	---
Dupont	---	---	---
Exeter	150	---	2,990
Larksville	200	---	3,150
West Wyoming	---	---	3,100
Wyoming	120 ¹⁹	480	3,088 ²⁰
<u>Boroughs 1,000 to 2,500</u>			
Conyngham	---	---	---
Hughestown	---	---	---
Nescopeck	---	---	---
Pringle	---	---	---
Shickshinny	---	---	---
Sugar Notch	96	---	---
White Haven	---	---	---
<u>Boroughs Under 1,000</u>			
Courtdale	---	---	---
Jeddo	---	---	---
Laflin	---	---	---
Laurel Run	---	---	---
New Columbus	---	---	---
Nuangola	---	---	---
Warrior Run	60	---	---
Yatesville	---	---	---

FOOTNOTES

1. Compensation for Mayor on a population basis is set forth in Section 1024 of the Borough Code.
2. Compensation for Councilmen on a population basis is set forth in Section 201 of the Borough Code.
3. CPA
4. Daily rate
5. Handled through local banks
6. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer are combined.
7. Fire Driver and Custodian
8. Receives free living quarters
9. In those instances where no compensation is indicated for engineer, he is paid according to time spent on specific projects.
10. In almost all instances, the solicitor receives additional compensation beyond the retainer indicated in the survey.
11. Street Commissioner is classified Assistant Street Engineer.
12. In addition to Street Commissioner, an Assistant Street Commissioner is paid \$3,120.
13. The offices of Street Commissioner and Chief of Police are combined.
14. In addition to Police Chief, an Assistant Police Chief is paid \$3,120.
15. Sergeant is classified as Assistant Police Chief.
16. A Patrolman is designated Lieutenant and receives \$100.
17. A Patrolman is designated Juvenile Officer and receives \$4,900.
18. Paid fire truck drivers have other jobs.
19. Plus \$1.00 per hour as police officer in addition to rent, heat, and light.
20. Plus living quarters.
21. Occupational Tax Collector in West Pittston receives 2% with a maximum of \$500.
22. This salary is for School Patrolman. One-half is paid by the School Board.

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