

WHAT COUNTIES PAY THEIR LAWYERS

COUNTY (by population *)	Job	Number of attorneys	Starting pay (annual)	Minimum after 5 years	Top pay, non- management
LOS ANGELES 9,979,600	County counsel	275	\$56,011	\$84,967	\$135,409
	Public defender	687	\$56,011	\$80,482	\$135,409
	District attorney	969	\$56,011	\$80,482	\$135,409 \$135,409
ORANGE 2,978,800	County counsel	62	\$62,566	\$83,762	\$145,184
	Public defender	206	\$62,566	\$83,762	\$145,184
	District attorney	259	\$62,566	\$83,762	\$145,184
SAN DIEGO 2,961,600	County counsel	67	\$52,561	\$88,816	\$144,976
	Public defender	205	\$54,912	\$92,830	\$144,310
	District attorney	304	\$53,060	\$89,668	\$139,422
SAN BERNARDINO 1,833,000	County counsel	70	\$58,427	\$74,713	\$138,867
	Public defender	125	\$61,085	\$95,513	\$128,847
	District attorney	224	\$64,418	\$110,656	\$128,357
SANTA CLARA 1,729,900	County counsel	57	\$85,931	\$146,347	\$182,144
	Public defender	102	\$90,349	\$149,414	\$185,969
	District attorney	178	\$90,349	\$149,414	\$185,969
RIVERSIDE 1,705,500	County counsel	40	\$59,449	\$84,671	\$137,823
	Public defender	104	\$59,449	\$84,671	\$137,823
	District attorney	181	\$59,449	\$84,671	\$137,823
ALAMEDA 1,496,200	County counsel	30	\$66,718	N/A	\$143,952
	Public defender	137	\$66,718	N/A	\$143,952
	District attorney	200	\$66,718	N/A	\$143,952
SACRAMENTO 1,309,600	County counsel	46	\$53,891	\$72,224	\$106,800
	Public defender	85	\$53,891	\$72,224	\$106,800
	District attorney	133	\$53,891	\$72,224	\$106,800
CONTRA COSTA 994,900	County counsel	32	\$76,356	\$84,287	\$134,876
	Public defender	91	\$60,972**	\$106,366	\$128,339
	District attorney	96	\$68,813	\$97,800	\$122,139
FRESNO 841,460	County counsel	24	\$42,094	\$51,168	\$94,146
	Public defender	111	\$42,744	\$51,948	\$93,360
	District attorney	114	\$42,744	\$51,948	\$93,360
SAN FRANCISCO 791,600	County counsel	180	\$90,818	\$113,100	\$159,120
	Public defender	90	\$90,818	\$105,144	\$159,120
	District attorney	115	\$90,818	\$113,100	\$159,120
VENTURA 791,300	County counsel	22	\$46,444	\$72,795	\$135,811
	Public defender	51	\$57,996	\$96,322	\$133,497
	District attorney	89	\$57,996	\$96,322	\$133,497

Compensation information obtained in mid-2006.

* Source: California State Association of Counties figures for 2004