

Opticians Association of Ohio 2010 Salary Survey

In February, a salary survey was conducted at the OAO Cleveland Area Seminar. The majority of opticians who attended the convention, and consequently answered the survey, reside and work in Northeast Ohio. Findings of this survey assume full-time, hourly wages equaling a 40-hour work week.

All Respondents

Full-Time Salary: \$38,168 average annual salary (\$18.35/hour)
95% have benefits, 5% no benefits

Part-Time Salary: \$15.15/hour (equivalent of \$31,512 full time salary)
50% have benefits, 50% no benefits

By Employer – Full Time Employees

Optometrist \$33,727 average annual salary
83% have benefits, 17% no benefits

Chain Retail \$41,092 average annual salary
100% have benefits

The previous salary survey of opticians in Northeast Ohio was conducted four years ago in the spring of 2006. The current survey showed an increase in salary for most opticians. Full-time licensed opticians on average earned 10 percent more than they did four years ago. They also saw an 11 percent increase in their employers offering benefits. Eighty-four percent of full-time licensed opticians were offered benefits in 2006 compared to 95 percent in this year's survey. Those working for an optometrist saw an average increase in annual salary of 15 percent and those working in retail chain setting earned 10 percent more on average than four years ago. Part-time hourly wages remained flat compared to the 2006 survey.