

## High-Paying States for Sterile Processing Technicians (Average Annual Income \$47K–\$60K+)

| State/Territory      | Hourly Rate (Avg.) | Estimated Annual Income (Avg.) |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| California           | \$28.60            | \$59,490                       |
| District of Columbia | \$28.25            | \$58,760                       |
| Alaska               | \$25.42            | \$52,870                       |
| Hawaii               | \$25.06            | \$52,130                       |
| Massachusetts        | \$24.56            | \$51,080                       |
| New York             | \$23.68            | \$49,250                       |
| Delaware             | \$23.38            | \$48,620                       |
| Oregon               | \$23.21            | \$48,270                       |
| Nevada               | \$22.47            | \$46,730                       |
| Washington           | \$22.28            | \$46,350                       |
| New Jersey           | \$22.27            | \$46,320                       |
| Colorado             | \$22.21            | \$46,210                       |
| Connecticut          | \$22.04            | \$45,850                       |
| Maryland             | \$21.78            | \$45,290                       |
| Rhode Island         | \$21.95            | \$45,660                       |
| Minnesota            | \$21.49            | \$44,700                       |
| New Hampshire        | \$21.23            | \$44,160                       |

## Mid-Range States for Sterile Processing Technicians (\$39K–\$46K Annual Average)

| State/Territory | Hourly Rate (Avg.) | Estimated Annual Income (Avg.) |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Virginia        | \$19.81            | \$41,210                       |
| Michigan        | \$19.67            | \$40,920                       |
| Arizona         | \$20.51            | \$42,660                       |
| Wisconsin       | \$20.24            | \$42,110                       |
| Pennsylvania    | \$20.34            | \$42,310                       |
| Utah            | \$20.40            | \$42,420                       |
| Texas           | \$19.93            | \$41,460                       |
| Idaho           | \$19.81            | \$41,200                       |

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|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Maine           | \$20.00            | \$41,600                       |
| Vermont         | \$20.07            | \$41,750                       |
| Illinois        | \$20.85            | \$43,380                       |
| Indiana         | \$20.15            | \$41,920                       |
| North Dakota    | \$20.94            | \$43,550                       |
| Montana         | \$19.44            | \$40,440                       |
| Kansas          | \$18.95            | \$39,420                       |
| Kentucky        | \$18.98            | \$39,480                       |
| Ohio            | \$19.83            | \$41,240                       |

### Lower-Paying States for Sterile Processing Technicians (Below \$39K Annual Avg.)

| State/Territory | Hourly Rate (Avg.) | Estimated Annual Income (Avg.) |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Georgia         | \$19.66            | \$40,900                       |
| North Carolina  | \$18.99            | \$39,500                       |
| Oklahoma        | \$18.07            | \$37,580                       |
| Iowa            | \$18.62            | \$38,720                       |
| Missouri        | \$18.69            | \$38,880                       |
| South Carolina  | \$18.33            | \$38,120                       |
| Tennessee       | \$18.31            | \$38,070                       |
| Florida         | \$18.39            | \$38,250                       |
| Arkansas        | \$16.53            | \$34,380                       |
| Alabama         | \$15.91            | \$33,090                       |
| Mississippi     | \$16.03            | \$33,340                       |
| Louisiana       | \$17.43            | \$36,240                       |
| South Dakota    | \$17.91            | \$37,260                       |
| Nebraska        | \$18.17            | \$37,800                       |
| West Virginia   | \$17.85            | \$37,120                       |
| Guam            | \$20.92            | \$43,520                       |
| Puerto Rico     | \$11.56            | \$24,050                       |

### Sterile Processing Technician Salary Overview

Ever wondered how much do sterile processing technicians make on average? Sterile processing

technicians earned an average of between \$42,000 and \$52,969 in 2025 in the United States. However, this number tells only part of the story. Top earners can easily pull in \$70,000 to \$77,180 annually, while entry-level positions start around \$28,750 to \$35,000 per year. The typical hourly pay for a sterile processing technician ranges from \$17.88 to \$26.58. Most techs in the United States make roughly \$19.43 per hour, according to recent data. Additionally, experienced professionals with certifications earn significantly more than those just starting.

**Earnings by Experience Level:**

Entry-level techs (0-2 years): \$32,000–\$40,000  
Competent techs (3-5 years): \$42,000–\$52,000  
Experienced techs (6-10 years): \$52,000–\$62,000  
Senior techs (10+ years): \$62,000–\$77,180