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ECONOMIC REASONS: Jobs and Careers

Top ten best paid jobs

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| 1. Senior doctor (€116,900) | 6. Patent engineer (€72,000) |
| 2. Specialist doctor (€78,000) | 7. Insurance engineer (€71,000) |
| 3. Fund manager (€75,800) | 8. Regional sales manager (€70,800) |
| 4. Corporate finance manager (€75,400) | 9. Lawyer / Legal advisor (€69,000) |
| 5. Key account manager (€72,600) | 10. Sales engineer (€68,000) |

Much like other countries, first place in terms of the highest-paid profession in Germany is a senior doctor. Such physicians have traditionally been well-paid in the country, nowadays earning about €116,900 a year, according to the Gehaltsatlas. To put this in perspective, room service employees earn almost €100,000 less with the lowest paid job the country.

In second place from the top are specialist doctors with a median salary of €78,000 - a considerable gap from senior physicians.

The other eight professions in the list are not in the medical industry, but for the most part are in the financial, economic and judicial sectors.

According to the study, most top jobs require some sort of a degree; jobs filled by unskilled workers tend to be on the lower end of the pay scale.

On the other end of the spectrum, here are the jobs in Deutschland with the smallest salaries, listed according to median annual gross income.

Top ten lowest paid jobs

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| 1. Room service worker (€19,400) | 6. Cashier (€24,900) |
| 2. Restaurant / kitchen worker (20,000) | 7. Receptionist (€25,000) |
| 3. Hairdresser (€21,400) | 8. Cook (€25,600) |
| 4. Waiter (€22,300) | 9. Dental assistant (€26,900) |
| 5. Call centre worker (€24,800) | 10. Commercial driver (€27,000) |

One of the main intentions of the study was to shed light on whether or not working in certain regions of the country plays a role when it comes to an employee's income.

Parameters which were taken account include educational background, a worker's industry and the pay gap between men and women (currently around 21 percent in favour of men).