



Court Interpreting Consortium Certification Research Services

Consortium for State Court Interpreter Certification

Survey: Compensation - Contract Interpreters – 2006

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State	Location	Per Hour			Per Half Day		Per Day		Travel	Comments
		High	Low	Min # Hours	High	Low	High	Low		
Alaska	State	\$81 (actual time)	\$25 (standby)							Court can add \$15/hour for emergency situations
Arkansas	State	\$50	\$40	1 (paid in 15 min. increments)					\$20.00/hour & 0.39/mile if outside county	Amounts are for certified interps; non-certified paid \$20/hr & no travel time
California	State				\$147		\$265		0.34/mile if over 60 mi round trip	
Colorado	State	\$30	\$25	2 (additional time paid in 15 min. incrmnt)					½ of hourly rate over 150 m/roundtrip may be paid full hourly rate	High applies to certified; low to non-certified.
Connecticut	State	\$15.93	\$15.93	4						
Cook County (Illinois)	Major metro (Cook co.)	\$60/session		4					To second location	

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	Other typical (McLean)	\$60	\$25	4	\$180	\$75	\$360	\$150	Cook Cty: paid only to second location. McLean: 0.36/mile high rate; 0.32/mile low rate.	
Delaware	State	\$35	\$20	1 (after 5 pm 2 hrs minimum)	NA	NA	NA	NA	Judge may approve travel if over 50 miles.	
Florida	Major metro	\$25							none	The hourly rate for Haitian Creole is \$30-35.
	Major metro	\$25		2					none	
	13th Judicial Circuit	\$60 (2-hr block; \$15 addit. hr. block)	\$50 (2-hr block; \$12.5 addit. hr. block)		\$90	\$75	\$150	\$125	0.29/mile if over 40 mi round trip	high=Spanish; low =other languages
Georgia	State	\$75	\$35	2	By hour	By hour	By hour	By hour	0.28/mile	
	Major metro	\$75	\$35	2	Negotiated	By hour	Negotiated	By hour	none	
	Other-typical	\$45	\$25	Negotiated	Negotiated	By hour	Negotiated	By hour	0.28 if over 30 miles or negotiated	
Hawaii	State	Non-cert. \$25/hr Cert. \$37.50/hr	Non-cert. \$37.50 (after 8 hours) Cert. \$56.25 (after 8 hours)	2 2					\$0.37/mi; if exceeds 100 miles by most direct route, will be paid for entire mileage traveled	
Idaho	County	\$50	\$7.91		\$50		\$75	\$70	0.31/mile	
Indiana	State	\$110	\$30						Included in rate	

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Kentucky	State	\$25							\$10 plus 0.32/mile	Rates are recommended.
Maryland	State	\$50	\$35	2					0.445/mile	Interpreters are paid ½ the hourly rate for travel time if distance traveled exceeds 60 mi.
Mass.										
Michigan	State	\$40	\$25	1					None	
	Major metro	\$40	\$25	4	\$75	\$75			None	
	Other typical	\$40	\$35	1					Yes; amount not specified	
Minnesota	State	\$50	\$25	2					Travel time paid at compensation amount if 35 miles away; no mileage paid	\$50 for legal spec. cert; \$45 for generalist cert.; \$30-40 for non-cert.; \$25 for interps not on state roster.
Missouri	State	\$54 average							0.375/mile	
	Major metro	\$90 average	\$40 average						0.375/mile	
	Other typical	\$130	\$20						0.375/mile	
Nebraska	State	\$45	\$30	1					0.36/mile if more than 15 miles from home	One state-wide rate for all court/probation interps: \$45 for certified and sign interps;

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Pennsylvania	Major metro Common Language	\$75	\$40	2	Half day rates are uncommon		Full day rates are uncommon			
	Uncomm Language	\$80	\$60	2						
	Sign Language	\$90	\$63	2 (team/each)						
	Typical local Common Language	\$65	2\$5	Min. varies						
	Uncomm Language	\$100	\$30	Min. varies						
	Sign Language	\$100	\$35	Min. varies						
Tennessee	State	\$50	\$25	2 (in-court only)			\$500	\$250	Hourly rate applies to travel time	State pays in limited circumstances. Rates depend upon classification of interpreter.
Texas										No information available.
Utah	State	\$35 (cert)	\$17.50	varies (1-4 hrs)					0.40/mile above 25 miles; lodging and per diem as needed	\$25/hr for non-certified non-Spanish; \$20/hr for non-certified Spanish.
Virginia	State	\$60 certified	\$40/non-certified		\$240 certified & \$160 non-certified		\$500 certified	\$320 non-certified	½ the hourly rate if traveling over 30 miles and .325/mile i	
	Major metro	\$85	\$70				\$300	\$150		
	Typical local	\$75	\$35				\$210	\$120		
Washington										no information provided

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Wisconsin	State	\$70	\$25	2 for high rate; 0 for low rate					0.32/mile for high rate; 0.20/mile for low rate	
	Major metro	\$70	\$25	2 for high rate; 0 for low rate					0.32/mile for high rate; 0.20/mile for low rate	
	Other typical	\$70	\$25	2 for high rate; 0 for low rate					0.32/mile for high rate; 0.20/mile for low rate	

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