NCRA Releases New Salary Survey for Cancer Registrars

Salary Differential between Registrars with the CTR Credential and Non-CTRs is 54 Percent

March 9, 2018—The National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) has released its Salary Considerations for Cancer Registrars: 2017 to provide registrars and human resource departments with accurate and timely salary information to assist with hiring of this critical health information profession.

The salary data was collected in 2017 as part of the most recent Job Analysis (JA) Survey of cancer registry professionals. Conducted by NCRA’s Council on Certification, the JA Survey is used to inform the process of updating the test-content outline for the Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR) credential exam. In addition to questions about the essential performance domains and job tasks of cancer registry professionals, the 2017 JA Survey contained demographic questions, including education, income, and employer information. NCRA used the data from 1,489 respondents to conduct further analyses of demographic and job characteristics related to income within the cancer registry workforce. The report outlines the 2017 survey data and compares it to the data collected from the 2012 JA Survey.

Key survey findings:

- Cancer registrars who hold the Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR) credential have a higher annual salary than non-CTRs at $72,720 and $47,338, respectively. This is about a 54% difference in annual salary.

- CTRs have a higher hourly wage than non-CTRs at $26.49 and $21.40, respectively. This is about a 24% difference in hourly wages.

- On average, cancer registrars/abstractors are salaried at $57,049 compared to mid-management positions at $68,249, or about 20% more than registrars/abstractors. Managers/directors make $81,435 annually on average, or about 20% more than mid-management and 43% more than registrars/abstractors.

- Those living in the Western region have the highest average incomes at $30.07 for hourly wage workers and $83,817 for salaried workers, while those in the South/Southwest have the lowest average incomes at $24.27 for hourly wage workers and $67,526 for salaried workers. This is a difference of about 24% for both hourly and salaried workers.

NCRA’s Salary Considerations for Cancer Registrars: 2017 can be found at: www.ncra-usa.org/Workforce/Salary-Considerations.

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Chartered in 1974, the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) is a non-profit organization that represents over 6,000 cancer registry professionals and Certified Tumor Registrars (CTR). The mission of NCRA is to promote education, credentialing, and advocacy for cancer registry professionals. Cancer registrars are data information specialists that capture a complete history, diagnosis, treatment, and health status for every cancer patient in the U.S. The data provide essential information to researchers, healthcare providers, and public health officials to better monitor and advance cancer treatments, conduct research, and improve cancer prevention and screening programs. For more information about NCRA, visit www.ncra-usa.org and www.CancerRegistryEducation.org.