

VITAL INFORMATION FOR THRIVING ANESTHESIOLOGISTS

Anesthesiology is a medical field filled with evolving challenges but enriched with vast opportunities. As a trusted partner in the space, we at VitalSolution have put together this comprehensive fact sheet touching on key subjects such as salary scales, job market trends, demographics, and the work-life balance intrinsic to this specialty, while shedding light on prevalent challenges.

Your Earning Potential

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the mean annual wage for anesthesiologists is **\$331,190**.

But, this number varies based on your experience and work environment. If you're in a physician's office, you could earn closer to **\$349,590**, or around **\$247,550** working in outpatient care.

Estimated salaries will vary based on years of experience, the type of institution, and more. The specific rankings of the states may also slightly vary depending on the source.

Highest Paying States for Anesthesiologists

1. New Jersey	\$405,762
2. Wisconsin	\$402,728
3. Wyoming	\$401,134
4. Nevada	\$396,949
5. Massachusetts	\$395,823

Lowest Paying States for Anesthesiologists

50. West Virginia	\$276,769
49. Arkansas	\$294,746
48. North Carolina	\$297,072
47. Kentucky	\$300,026
46. Idaho	\$308,690

Source: <https://www.ziprecruiter.com/Salaries/What-Is-the-Average-Anesthesiologist-Salary-by-State>



Metropolitan Areas with the Highest Concentration of Anesthesiology Jobs:

1. Rochester, MN
2. Reno, NV
3. Shreveport-Bossier City, LA
4. Steubenville, OH
5. Tulsa, OK
6. Florence, SC
7. Dothan, AL
8. Kalamazoo, MI
9. Madison, WI
10. Gainesville, GA

Source: <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes291211.htm>

Understanding The Job Market

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, jobs for anesthesiologists are projected to grow by **1.1%** between 2021 and 2031. During this period, approximately **400 new jobs** are expected to become available.

As medical needs continue to increase, so will the demand for qualified anesthesiologists. Your skills will be highly sought after in hospitals, surgical centers, clinics—wherever your expertise is needed most!

Demographics

Men make up **more than 64%** of today's anesthesiologists; women make up a lower but steadily rising **36%** (American Society of Anesthesiologists).

61% of all anesthesiologists fall within the **45-64 years** bracket (U.S. Census Bureau, 2019), highlighting the importance of knowledge transfer to incoming generations of physicians.

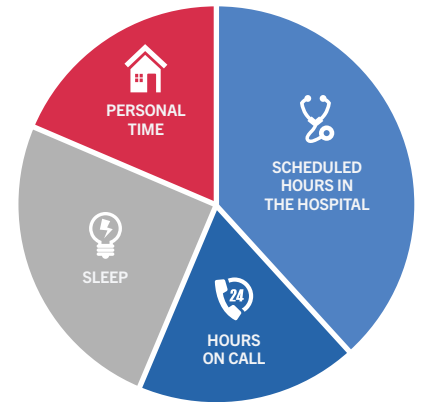
 26% FEMALE

 64% MALE

Work-Life Balance

An anesthesiologist's schedule can be quite demanding. Most work between **40 to 60 hours per week** with days starting before 6 a.m., plus required on-call hours where you may need to return to the hospital at a moment's notice. This can sometimes mean your workday is as long as 24 hours. Add in necessary time for sleep, and the time you have left for personal activities like time with family, personal appointments and self care is slim.

While contracted with VitalSolution, most anesthesiologists work **seven days on**, followed by **seven full days off**. You are also supported by a nationwide network of physicians that can consult on cases and share best practices.



Our anesthesiologists have 26 weeks off a year while still earning a very competitive full-time salary. They have an amazing opportunity to create balance in their lives and become active members of the communities they serve.

— JOHN E. VAZQUEZ, MD | CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER OF VITALSOLUTION

Current Industry Challenges



AGING POPULATION

Studies have found that an aging population in the U.S. poses significant challenges, from increased perioperative risks and heightened prevalence of age-related diseases to potential provider shortages.

The COVID-19 pandemic also accelerated the rate of physicians retiring or transitioning to locums or part-time practice.



WORKFORCE SHORTAGES

Workforce shortages in anesthesiology are becoming increasingly significant, causing numerous ramifications to both patient care and the functioning of the healthcare system.

By 2033, The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) predicts there will be a shortage of 12,500 anesthesiologists, nearly 30% of current staff.



PHYSICIAN BURNOUT

Anesthesiologists often work long hours, which can lead to physical and emotional exhaustion, one of the key factors of burnout. This contributes to mental health issues among practitioners and lower-quality care.

Addressing burnout is critical, not only for anesthesiologists' personal well-being, but also for the broader healthcare community.

In today's rapidly changing healthcare environment, understanding the shifts within anesthesiology, along with the current challenges it grapples with, is vital. This knowledge will help you deliver the high-quality care that your patients deserve, while also preparing you for the future of your career.

VitalSolution is here to support you with up-to-date, relevant information about your industry and offer practical solutions to address these changes and challenges head-on.

But the first, most critical step is reaching out. Contact us at Anesthesiology@VitalSolution.com to open the door to a community ready to support you, guide you and collaborate with you for a more fulfilling and rewarding career.

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