

How Much Do They Earn?

Different countries have varying economies, which affects the salaries they can afford to pay their workers. Use your research skills to complete the table below, and then consider why there are such disparities in average salaries across countries. Do you think this is fair?

Country	Average Salary (USD/month)	Biggest Export	Biggest Import
Switzerland		Pharmaceuticals	Gold
Norway		Petroleum and natural gas	Cars
Australia		Iron ore and coal	Cars and petroleum products
United States		Machinery and electronics	Machinery and electronics
Germany		Vehicles and machinery	Vehicles and machinery
United Kingdom		Machinery and vehicles	Machinery and vehicles
France		Machinery and aircraft	Machinery and vehicles
Canada		Crude petroleum and cars	Cars and computers
Japan	3,500	Cars and technology products	Petroleum and liquid natural gas
Italy		Machinery and vehicles	Machinery and vehicles
Spain		Vehicles and machinery	Vehicles and machinery
South Africa		Gold and diamonds	Petroleum and machinery
China		Electronics and machinery	Electronics and machinery
Russia	670	Crude petroleum and natural gas	Machinery and cars
Brazil		Soybeans and crude oil	Machinery and electronics
Mexico		Vehicles and electronic equipment	Machinery and electronics
India		Petroleum products and jewelry	Crude petroleum and gold
Nepal	120	Textiles and garments	Petroleum products
Uganda		Coffee and tea	Petroleum products and road vehicles
Sudan	60	Gold and livestock	Foodstuffs and manufactured goods
Afghanistan		Fruits and nuts	Wheat and flour
Democratic Republic of the Congo		Cobalt and copper	Foodstuffs and machinery