

Federal Officials' Average Salaries Climb More Than 30%

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The average salaries earned by federal officials climbed nearly 33 percent in the first half of the year, bringing the average monthly wage up to 92,000 rubles (\$2,500), according to the Federal State Statistics Service.

In contrast, the average Russian earned 31,500 rubles monthly during the first half of the year, showing a 10 percent growth.

The presidential administration led in terms of salary growth, with officials employed there enjoying an average monthly wage of 231,117 rubles.

The Emergency Situations Ministry took first place among the government ministries, with an average monthly wage of 127,002 rubles, followed by the Health Ministry with 116,000 rubles on average, according to the agency's data. The agency with the lowest wages was the Federal Agency for Subsurface Management, with an average monthly wage of 44,000 rubles.

Among the organs of the judicial system, the average monthly wage for prosecutors at the Constitutional Court was 160,453, double that of last year. The Supreme Court's average wage, in contrast, came out to 121,154 rubles.

As of the end of March, the federal government had 39,200 employees, as well as an additional 505, 200 employees at regional branches of federal bodies.

In late July, the Russian business daily RBC reported that the government planned to double the wages of officials by 2018, pouring 462 billion rubles into doing so.

That sum was allocated by the Finance Ministry for that purpose during the period of 2015–2017, the report said.

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