

Russian Public Servants See Pay Raise

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The average Russian federal public servant has earned 96,500 rubles (\$1,400) per month in the first half of this year, up 4.9 percent from the same period last year, Rosstat state statistics service said in a statement Friday.

The highest-paid are the officials in the presidential administration, despite their wages slumping by 2.9 percent in the first half of the year compared to the same period last year, Rosstat said. They earn 226,200 rubles (\$3,300) a month on average.

While some categories of officials saw their salaries fall due to a restrained Russian budget because of the economic crisis, some saw their wages increase.

For example, the average wages of officials from the legislative branch rose by 23.7 percent to 122,200 rubles (\$1,771) in the first half the year compared to the same period last year.

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