

How Much Do MLB Umpires Make?

MLB Umpire Pay Scale - Rookie to Crew Chief (2026 estimates)

Salary by Career Stage

Career Stage	Estimated Pay
Minor leagues (seasonal)	~\$2,900/mo (Rookie/A) to \$5,000+/mo (Triple-A)
MLB rookie (year 1)	~\$150,000 / year
Established MLB umpire	\$200,000 - \$350,000 / year
Veteran MLB umpire	\$350,000 - \$450,000 / year
Crew chief	\$400,000 - \$500,000+ / year
League average	~\$300,000 / year (about \$1,850 per game)

Postseason Bonus Pay (per umpire, estimated)

Round	Extra Pay
Wild Card / Division Series	\$17,500 - \$22,000
League Championship Series	\$25,000 - \$28,000
World Series	up to \$40,000

Postseason pay is on top of the regular salary, plus travel and expenses.

Quick Facts

The Basics	Detail
Full-time MLB umpires	76 (19 crews of 4)
Path to the majors	Umpire school, then 7 to 10 years in the minors
Union	World Umpires Association (WUA)
Perks	Daily travel per diem, ~4 weeks in-season vacation, pension

Figures are 2026 estimates compiled from public reporting; MLB and the umpires' union do not publish the full salary scale, so exact numbers vary by source and seniority. Get more free printables and pay-scale guides at SportsBrackets.net.