

How Much Do NBA Referees Make?

2026 pay scale

Level	Approx. pay
Entry level	~\$150,000 - \$250,000
Mid-career	~\$250,000 - \$400,000
Veteran (30+ yrs)	Up to ~\$555,000
Per game (top refs)	Up to ~\$7,000

Estimates from the NBA referees CBA and industry reporting.