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## **SALARIES FOR MECHANICAL ENGINEERS ARE UP 3.5 – 5 PERCENT**

*Strong incomes seen in the petroleum and chemical fields*

**New York, Feb. 13, 2018** – Base salaries for mechanical engineers have risen between 3.5 and 5 percent over the three-year period from 2013 to 2016, according to a workforce study by The American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME).

The *2017 ASME Salary and Benefits Survey* reveals that the median base salary for mechanical engineers was \$116,000 in 2016, compared to \$102,617 in 2013. U.S.-based mechanical engineers experienced an income gain of 3 percent over the three years, falling directly in line with the income gain reported in the nation's overall workforce.

According to the survey prepared for ASME by Industry Insights, mechanical engineers working in the petroleum and chemical fields and at electric utility companies earn the highest median primary incomes. Good salaries are also available in consulting work, where mechanical engineers earn a median salary of \$130,000, and in the area of electrical and electronics manufacturing, according to the *ASME Salary and Benefits Survey*.

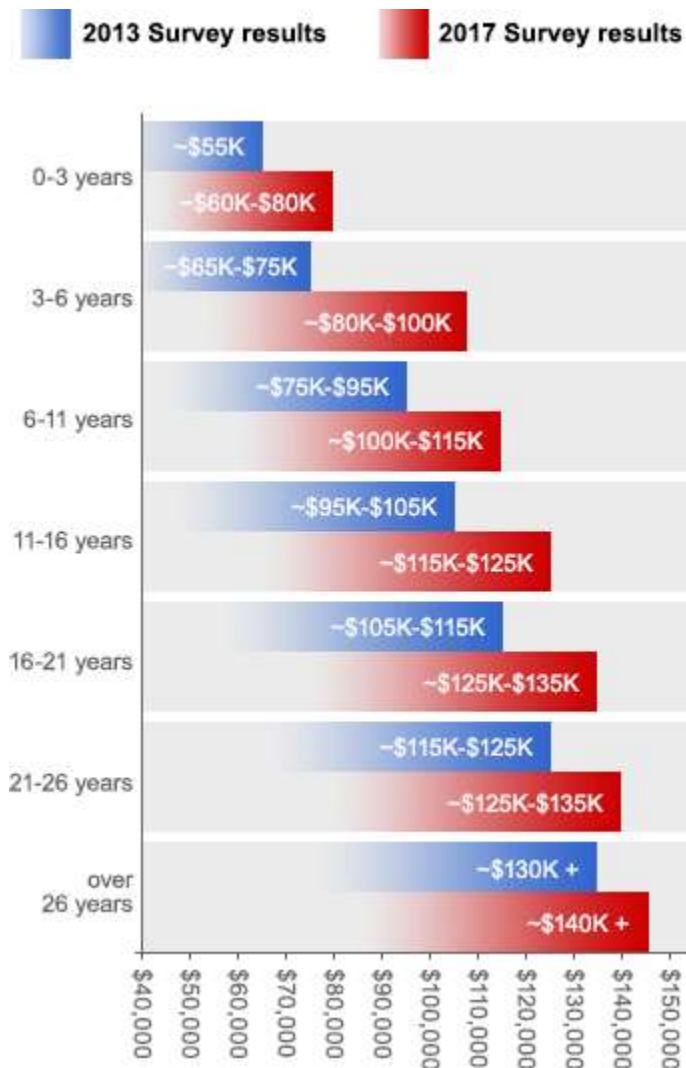
Among job functions, design engineers pull down good pay, earning a median primary income of \$124,000. The best-paying positions are in general and technical management; mechanical engineers in general management enjoy median primary income of \$160,000.

Drawn from a pool of 1,661 respondents, all ASME members, the survey aims to provide an understanding of compensation practices across business sectors and geographic regions, and how these trends may impact mechanical engineers. Among other findings in the survey:

- Mechanical engineers in Asian and Pacific countries earn the highest median income
- Mechanical engineers holding a Professional Engineers (PE) license earn nearly \$16,000 more than mechanical engineers without licensure
- More than nine in ten full-time mechanical engineering employees are offered health insurance by their employers

“It is an exciting time to be an engineer,” said Charla K. Wise, president of ASME. “The demand for engineers continues to grow, and many stimulating job opportunities are emerging.”

*Note to editor:*



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