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Metro Pay Snapshot · What employers are advertising this quarter

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No national pay number survives a metro-to-metro comparison.

\$126,512 vs \$140,976

Same title, same national labor pool: Application Developer pays 11.4% more in Seattle than in Atlanta this quarter. Atlanta also carries the widest Sales Representative band of any of the 7 new metros, at 2.12×.

Postings analyzed: Apr 1 – Jun 30, 2026 · Government comparison: BLS OEWS May 2025

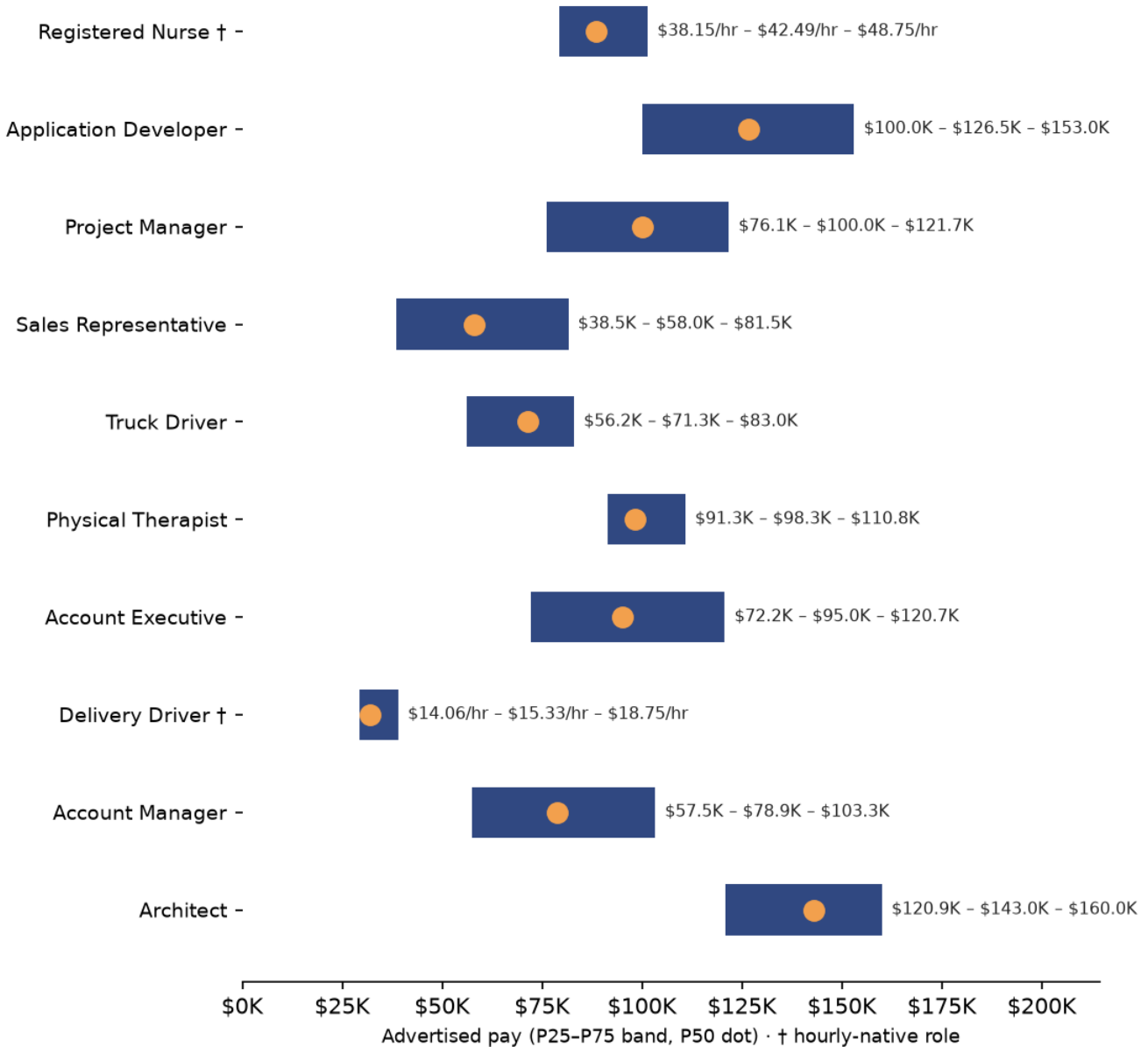
n = 114,281 postings across the 10 highest-volume distinct roles · listing-weighted · WageScape / MarketTrak
Advertised pay = what employers are offering new hires right now — the forward view surveys can't give you.

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No role has one market rate — in this metro either

The 10 occupations Atlanta is hiring most — P25 / P50 / P75



1. The widest band: Sales Representative — P75 (\$81.5K) pays 2.1× P25 (\$38.5K). Level, scope and structure price this job, not the title. Set bands, not points.
2. The tightest band: Physical Therapist (1.2×) — a converged market. Posting outside \$91.3K–\$110.8K is a deliberate strategy, not noise.
3. Where the anchor skews: Registered Nurse leads the metro at 22,697 postings from ~1,922 hiring companies, and the top half of the band is 1.4× as wide as the bottom — offers above the midpoint have room to run toward \$48.75/hr.

Notes: One row per occupation: overlapping title conventions (e.g. Truck/CDL/Company Driver) consolidate to the highest-volume title. Delivery Driver only appears once and covers all postings labeled for hourly pay. reports.wagescape.com

The BLS check — we show our work

Every advertised median, next to its government benchmark. Postings measure the hiring market, not the incumbent one: hourly postings quote base starting rates — before differentials, overtime and tenure — and salaried posting cohorts skew junior, so advertised medians typically sit below BLS. Driving is the exception: advertised driver pay quotes projected gross — mileage and sign-on included — which runs above the BLS base-wage benchmark. The gap is information, not error.

Role	Atlanta P50	BLS median	Δ	BLS occupation
Registered Nurse †	\$42.49/hr	\$45.00/hr	-5.6%	Registered nurses
Application Developer	\$126.5K	\$133.1K	-5.0%	Software developers
Project Manager	\$100.0K	—		no single SOC equivalent
Sales Representative	\$58.0K	\$64.2K	-9.7%	Sales representatives, services
Truck Driver	\$71.3K	\$58.6K	+21.7%	Heavy/tractor-trailer drivers
Physical Therapist	\$98.3K	\$101.0K	-2.7%	Physical therapists
Account Executive	\$95.0K	—		no single SOC equivalent
Delivery Driver †	\$15.33/hr	\$20.56/hr	-25.4%	Delivery truck drivers *
Account Manager	\$78.9K	—		no single SOC equivalent
Architect	\$143.0K	\$99.3K	+44.0%	Architects, except landscape and n

BLS figures: OEWS national medians, May 2025 release (bls.gov); * = May 2024 release — our latest verified figure for that occupation. Metro-level OEWS comparisons ship in the full edition; BLS medians here are national, and large metros typically run above the national market. † hourly-native role, both figures per hour. Deltas computed from the printed values.

Your roles aren’t on this list?

Request any role in any metro — e.g. “Pharmacy Technician, Des Moines” — and we’ll send the advertised P25/P50/P75 band, checked against BLS, within 2 business days. Free for HR and comp teams. It’s the same engine behind our custom reports: your roles × your markets, built on demand.

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Methodology

Source: WageScape / MarketTrak — advertised-posting data from public job postings, April 1–June 30, 2026 (single quarter; no period-over-period claims). Sample: 114,281 postings across the metro’s 10 highest-volume distinct roles (vague titles such as “Specialist” or “Manager” excluded). Every role is a P25/P50/P75 band, never a lone median; hourly-native roles quoted per hour; rows publish only at n≥500. Pay levels are modeled from postings. Aggregates only; every figure reproduces from a saved, dated query snapshot.