

Estimated Income Earned by a Student During the 2008 Field Season
While Employed by the
Bureau of Land Management Cadastral Survey Program

1. Travel from student's domicile to his/her duty station is generally paid by the BLM hiring office.
2. Hourly and Weekly Wages¹
 - a. GS04/01 – \$13.61 per hour
 - i. \$13.61 per hour * 40 hours per week = \$544.40 per week²
 - ii. 05/16/05 to 08/19/05 = 14 weeks
 - iii. Gross wages – 14 weeks @ \$544.40 per week = \$7,621
 - iv. Approximate net wages - \$6,400.80 * 0.75 = \$5,716
 - b. GS05/01 – \$15.23 per hour
 - i. \$15.23 per hour * 40 hours per week = \$609.20 per week
 - ii. 05/16/05 to 08/19/05 = 14 weeks
 - iii. Gross wages – 14 weeks @ \$609.20 per week = \$8,528
 - iv. Approximate net wages - \$8,528 * 0.75 = \$6,396

Note: Per Diem^{3&4} is not considered earned income, however, this compensation does provide for meals and incidental expenses. Additionally, lodging is provided at no expense⁵.

¹ Pay rates vary depending on area. The Denver, Colorado area was chosen for these calculations and should be reasonably comparable to most areas.

² These calculations are based on a forty hour work week. Work schedules vary between offices. The Alaska office requires workers to maintain a sixty hour work week. Ask the hiring office for specifics relating to work schedules.

³ Per Diem is tax-exempt compensation provided to workers in travel status for meals and incidental expenses. Each geographical area is assigned a specific daily rate.

⁴ Per diem rates in Alaska, where food and lodging is provided, is \$3/day. When staying in a non-camp situation, per diem rates are comparable those in other parts of the nation which typically range from \$40-\$70 per day.

⁵ Specific details with respect to lodging and per diem should be directed to the BLM hiring office. One of the twelve BLM offices does not provide lodging in some circumstances. Another question that should be brought up when discussing logistics with the hiring office is whether lodging and/or per diem is provided during the weekends when on a four ten-hour day work week schedule.