

National average hourly wages: 2006 vs. 2004

POSITION		2006	2004	POSITION		2006	2004
C&B waxer	0-1 years' experience	9.08	9.28	Model/die prep	0-1 years' experience	8.57	8.54
	1-3 years' experience	12.36	11.35		1-3 years' experience	10.17	10.28
	3-5 years' experience	13.66	13.16		3-5 years experience	12.27	12.01
	5-8 years' experience	16.25	15.24		5-8 years experience	13.99	13.12
	Over 8 years' experience	18.97	18.20		Over 8 years experience	15.61	14.34
C&B metal finisher	0-1 years' experience	9.83	8.91	Denture setup	0-1 years' experience	9.14	9.31
	1-3 years' experience	12.12	11.21		1-3 years' experience	11.98	10.74
	3-5 years' experience	13.44	12.97		3-5 years' experience	14.68	13.87
	5-8 years' experience	16.04	15.17		5-8 years' experience	17.02	15.96
	Over 8 years' experience	18.59	17.78		Over 8 years' experience	20.66	18.37
CAD/CAM operator	0-1 years' experience	9.08	N/A	Denture finisher	0-1 years' experience	8.41	8.92
	1-3 years' experience	13.99	N/A		1-3 years' experience	11.89	10.23
	3-5 years' experience	16.53	N/A		3-5 years' experience	13.71	12.79
	5-8 years' experience	17.80	N/A		5-8 years' experience	15.75	14.68
	Over 8 years' experience	18.43	N/A		Over 8 years' experience	19.11	16.34
Ceramist, opaque	0-1 years' experience	9.57	9.04	Frame waxer, partial	0-1 years' experience	9.17	8.91
	1-3 years' experience	10.74	10.51		1-3 years' experience	10.23	10.86
	3-5 years' experience	11.63	11.95		3-5 years' experience	13.13	13.25
	5-8 years' experience	13.56	13.22		5-8 years' experience	14.89	13.87
	Over 8 years' experience	16.65	15.38		Over 8 years' experience	18.03	16.34
Ceramist, buildup	0-1 years' experience	10.15	9.06	Frame finisher, partial	0-1 years' experience	9.21	8.65
	1-3 years' experience	13.26	11.93		1-3 years' experience	10.43	10.03
	3-5 years' experience	14.89	13.85		3-5 years' experience	12.82	12.67
	5-8 years' experience	18.54	15.09		5-8 years' experience	14.62	13.65
	Over 8 years' experience	20.96	18.56		Over 8 years' experience	18.20	16.60
Ceramist, grind/finish	0-1 years' experience	10.15	9.13	Orthodontic, all-around	0-1 years' experience	9.94	8.23
	1-3 years' experience	14.15	12.40		1-3 years' experience	12.36	10.44
	3-5 years' experience	15.19	14.93		3-5 years' experience	13.54	14.05
	5-8 years' experience	19.50	16.38		5-8 years' experience	19.39	15.41
	Over 8 years' experience	22.25	20.76		Over 8 years' experience	19.36	18.77
Ceramist, stain/glaze	0-1 years' experience	9.53	8.91	Orthodontic, wire benders	0-1 years' experience	9.14	N/A
	1-3 years' experience	12.12	11.36		1-3 years' experience	12.39	N/A
	3-5 years' experience	13.82	13.20		3-5 years' experience	—	N/A
	5-8 years' experience	16.80	13.84		5-8 years' experience	15.79	N/A
	Over 8 years' experience	20.03	18.65		Over 8 years' experience	22.19	N/A
Ceramist, all-around	0-1 years' experience	11.17	10.58	Orthodontic, acrylic finishers	0-1 years' experience	9.36	N/A
	1-3 years' experience	14.62	13.21		1-3 years' experience	12.02	N/A
	3-5 years' experience	18.85	15.84		3-5 years' experience	13.60	N/A
	5-8 years' experience	20.73	18.94		5-8 years' experience	15.36	N/A
	Over 8 years' experience	25.35	22.19		Over 8 years' experience	21.34	N/A

Note: N/A means data is not available for that survey year. A dash (—) indicates that we received insufficient data in the category.

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