

**Wages of Occupations Related to Santa Claus's Jobs/Duties**

Santaland Job Titles	Santaland Job Duties	SOC Occupations	SOC Description	SOC Code	Average SD Wage
CEO of Santa's Workshop and Several Other Divisions	Provides creative vision and establishes policies for Santaland. Supervises head elves and Mrs. Claus (well, most of the time... okay, just when she wants to or thinks he needs to know).	Chief Executive	Determine and formulate policies and provide overall direction of companies or private and public sector organizations within guidelines set up by a board of directors or similar governing body. Plan, direct, or coordinate operational activities at the highest level of management with the help of subordinate executives and staff managers.	11-1011	\$121.13
Santaland Financial Planner	Ensures Santaland remains solvent and able to purchase the products needed by making wise investments and conferring with his financial elves.	Financial Manager	Plan, direct, or coordinate accounting, investing, banking, insurance, securities, and other financial activities of a branch, office, or department of an establishment. Excludes "Financial Risk Specialists" (13-2054).	11-3031	\$63.47
Head Toy Tester	Makes the final decision about prototypes and new toy lines rolled about by Santa's Workshop. Tests every prototype and gives the thumbs up or down.	Industrial Production Manager	Plan, direct, or coordinate the work activities and resources necessary for manufacturing products in accordance with cost, quality, and quantity specifications.	11-3051	\$48.95
Logistics Manager of Santaland	Determines which sleigh to take and which reindeers will pull it for each trip. Also provides final approval on gift list and their distribution.	Transportation, Storage and Distribution Manager	Plan, direct, or coordinate transportation, storage, or distribution activities in accordance with organizational policies and applicable government laws or regulations. Includes logistics managers.	11-3071	\$45.83
Confectionary/Milk Tester*	Serves as ultimate confectionary and milk tester. Gives the official "Ho, Ho, Ho," wink and nod endorsement to best recipes used in Santaland.	Food Scientists and Technologists	Use chemistry, microbiology, engineering, and other sciences to study the principles underlying the processing and deterioration of foods; analyze food content to determine levels of vitamins, fat, sugar, and protein; discover new food sources; research ways to make processed foods safe, palatable, and healthful; and apply food science knowledge to determine best ways to process, package, preserve, store, and distribute food.	19-1012	\$26.99
		Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	Inspect, test, sort, sample, or weigh nonagricultural raw materials or processed, machined, fabricated, or assembled parts or products for defects, wear, and deviations from specifications. May use precision measuring instruments and complex test equipment.	51-9061	\$17.43
Toy Designer and Prototype Maker	When time allows, creates new toys and tests them out, of course.	Commercial and Industrial Designer	Design and develop manufactured products, such as cars, home appliances, and children's toys. Combine artistic talent with research on product use, marketing, and materials to create the most functional and appealing product design.	27-1021	\$21.13
Letter Reader	He doesn't do it often and most of the time he leaves the letter reading and writing to his correspondence elves and others, but every now and then, a letter is sent to Santaland which touches him so deeply he feels compelled to respond himself.	Correspondence Clerk	Compose letters or electronic correspondence in reply to requests for merchandise, damage claims, credit and other information, delinquent accounts, incorrect billings, or unsatisfactory services. Duties may include gathering data to formulate reply and preparing correspondence.	43-4021	\$14.00
Worldwide Gift Deliverer	There is only one jolly old elf coming down the chimney to deliver gifts to all the good girls and boys and those young at heart who still believe on December 24th, and that is Santa himself!	Couriers and Messengers	Pick up and deliver messages, documents, packages, and other items between offices or departments within an establishment or directly to other business concerns, traveling by foot, bicycle, motorcycle, automobile, or public conveyance. Excludes "Light Truck Drivers" (53-3033).	43-5021	\$12.20

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Sleigh Pilot	Every December 24th, Santa has his elves load up the sleigh, then he picks the two who worked the hardest during the year, gives a hearty "Go Silver." (Sorry; wrong superhero!) Gives the famous command which causes the reindeers to take flight, "On Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen. Now Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen. Fly Away! Fly Away! Fly Away All!" As deemed necessary by weather, he puts Rudolph in the lead. As the sleigh takes off the best known pilot of all takes the reins and commandeers it safely through the December 24th night sky, delivering presents to everyone who has been good and believes in the magic and wonder of the Christmas season.	Aircraft Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers	Pilot and navigate the flight of fixed-wing aircraft, usually on scheduled air carrier routes, for the transport of passengers and cargo. Requires Federal Air Transport certificate and rating for specific aircraft type used. Includes regional, national, and international airline pilots and flight instructors of airline pilots. Excludes "Electro-Mechanical and Mechatronics Technologists and Technicians" (17-3024).	53-2011	\$96,909 annually

Notes:

To learn more about \*SOC Codes and \*SOC Occupational Descriptions, see [Occupational Descriptions in SOC Code Order, 2010](#).

Please note some Santaland job titles may fall into more than one SOC occupation. These occupations have been duplicated within the table and denoted with an \*.

The **mean wage** is also known as the average wage. The mean wage is calculated by dividing the estimated total wages for an occupation by the number of workers in that occupation. **Percentile wages** represent the percentage of an occupation's workers who earn less than or equal to that wage. The **median wage** is the 50th percentile: 50% earn less than or equal to this amount; 50% earn more.

For more information on percentile wages, see [Occupational Wages - Technical Notes](#).

If the cell is blank, the data has been suppressed because there is a risk of employer identification. Per federal regulations under the [Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act \(CIPSEA\)](#), LMIC cannot provide this confidential data.

Source: Occupational Employment Statistics (OES), Labor Market Information Center, South Dakota Department of Labor and Regulation. Compiled using the Local Employment and Wage Information System (LEWIS) August 2019.