2015 Salary Survey

Highlights for Freelance Medical Writers and Editors*

Hourly Rates
Writers - $112
Editors - $73

Gross Income
Writers & Editors
$131,400

44 hours worked per week

Top 3 Recurring Expenses
87% Professional membership dues and subscriptions
79% Office utilities, equipment, supplies
63% Tax accountant

Years of experience before freelancing

Business Structure

53% Sole Proprietor
29% LLC
15% S Corp

Primary Billing Method

- By hour or day: 5.0%
- By project: 9.0%
- By word or page: 26.0%
- Other (primary mix of hourly and per project): 60.0%

Top Gross Incomes
- Regulatory documents: $168,600
- Continuing education materials: $120,000
- Scientific publications: $116,300

* Based on 2014 income reported by 451 respondents. (Not all respondents answered all questions.) All data presented as means. Income varies according to many factors, including education, years of experience, and geographic location.