

## Base Salary, Microsoft Certification

No Microsoft Certification	\$78,962
MCP, NT 4.0	\$72,164
MCP, Windows 2000	\$69,757
MCP, Windows 2003 Server	\$68,426
MCP, Developer	\$73,409
MCP, Other	\$66,765
MCP+Internet	\$73,536
MCSA, Windows 2000	\$71,672
MCSA, Windows 2003	\$71,250
MCSA: Messaging, Windows 2000	\$66,667
MCSA: Messaging, Windows 2003	\$58,333
MCSA: Security, Windows 2000	\$68,452
MCSA: Security, Windows 2003	\$66,944
MCSE, NT 4.0	\$71,900
MCSE, Windows 2000	\$69,905
MCSE, Windows 2003	\$67,057
MCSE: Messaging, Windows 2000	\$63,804
MCSE: Messaging, Windows 2003	\$67,143
MCSE: Security, Windows 2000	\$70,395
MCSE: Security, Windows 2003	\$72,024
MCSE+Internet	\$69,563
MCAD, VS .NET	\$79,022
MCSA, VS 6.0	\$74,722
MCSA, VS .NET	\$74,063
MCDBA, SQL Server 7	\$68,250
MCDBA, SQL Server 2000	\$71,515
MCT	\$70,648
MCDST	\$71,466
MCTS: SQL Server	\$91,500
MCTS: .NET	\$55,000
MCTS: BizTalk	\$47,500
MCTS: Office	\$97,500
MCITP: SQL Server	\$125,000
MCPD: .NET	\$55,000
Microsoft Certified Architect	\$42,500

Chart 5. All respondents provided their current annual income before taxes. The MCDST proved to be hot gainer for Microsoft last year, and the results here seem to prove it—the title gained \$14,299 over last year's result of \$57,167. The MCDBA: SQL 7 was the biggest gainer last year; this year, it dropped back to 2004 figures.