

**Twenty-Five Largest U.S. Cities by Population:
Salaries of Elected Comptroller/Auditor, If Any**

	Elected Official Title	Salary	C2ER Cost of Living Index, Third Quarter 2015		Elected Comptroller/Auditor Salary, Adjusted (Manhattan) ⁺	Elected Comptroller/Auditor Salary (Brooklyn) ⁺
			236.1 Manhattan	171.4 Brooklyn		
New York	Comptroller	\$185,000.00				
Los Angeles	Controller	\$203,071.00			\$333,183.20	\$241,878.87
Chicago	Comptroller	\$165,000.00			\$328,746.84	\$238,658.23
Houston	Controller	\$156,021.00			\$381,725.99	\$277,119.16
Philadelphia	Controller	\$133,329.00			\$265,869.74	\$193,011.74
Columbus	City Auditor	\$160,025.00			\$417,018.79	\$302,740.45
Denver	Auditor	\$141,000.00			\$302,088.02	\$219,304.90

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Note on Cost of Living Index and Adjustments

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Sources for Elected Comptroller/Auditor Salary

[Los Angeles City Controller](#)

[City of Chicago Transparency Data Sets](#)

Houston: [The Texas Tribune](#)

[Philly.com](#) (citing City of Philadelphia, Department of Finance)

[Columbus Business First](#)

[The Denver Post](#)

**Five Next Largest Cities in the State of New York:
Salaries of Elected Comptroller/Auditor, If Any**

	Elected City Comptroller/Auditor Salary	Year	C2ER Cost of Living Index, Third Quarter 2015*	Elected City Comptroller/Auditor Salary, Adjusted (Manhattan) ⁺	Elected City Comptroller/Auditor Salary, Adjusted (Brooklyn) ⁺
Buffalo	\$88,412	2015		\$216,536.03	\$157,197.27
Syracuse	\$53,101	2014	<i>No Cost of Living Data</i>		
Albany	\$98,423	2015		\$210,105.52	\$152,528.95

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Sources for Elected Comptroller/Auditor

[Buffalo City Charter § 24-12](#)

[Syracuse.com: Search the Syracuse City Payroll](#)

[Albany Common Council Meeting Minutes](#) (Mar. 1, 2010), cross-referenced with [SeeThroughNY](#).