

Average 2006 hourly wages by geographic region

		East	E. Central	W. Central	West
C&B waxer	0-3 years' experience	10.79	10.17	9.56	11.64
	3-8 years' experience	15.08	14.75	13.06	16.20
	Over 8 years' experience	19.34	17.87	18.74	20.67
C&B metal finisher	0-3 years' experience	10.61	10.31	10.78	12.33
	3-8 years' experience	15.00	13.85	13.82	15.53
	Over 8 years' experience	19.74	17.16	17.18	19.57
Ceramist, opaque	0-3 years' experience	9.43	9.47	10.26	11.85
	3-8 years' experience	10.95	14.21	12.79	14.10
	Over 8 years' experience	15.86	14.11	20.04	—
Ceramist, buildup	0-3 years' experience	11.22	11.72	11.54	14.29
	3-8 years' experience	14.36	14.62	15.47	23.42
	Over 8 years' experience	18.66	17.31	21.48	27.81
Ceramist, grind/finish	0-3 years' experience	—	11.94	11.79	14.88
	3-8 years' experience	13.79	16.21	16.92	21.37
	Over 8 years' experience	20.70	20.16	22.73	28.18
Ceramist, stain/glaze	0-3 years' experience	10.00	10.15	10.00	13.80
	3-8 years' experience	13.05	13.40	—	21.92
	Over 8 years' experience	19.81	16.95	18.38	—
Ceramist, all-around	0-3 years' experience	12.58	11.98	10.21	16.88
	3-8 years' experience	18.16	17.79	20.87	22.21
	Over 8 years' experience	23.11	24.69	24.58	28.19
Model/die prep	0-3 years experience	9.39	8.91	9.76	9.75
	3-8 years experience	12.61	12.73	13.65	13.60
	Over 8 years experience	17.46	14.37	15.80	14.49
Denture setup	0-3 years' experience	10.17	10.40	10.15	12.40
	3-8 years' experience	15.50	14.77	15.98	17.08
	Over 8 years' experience	20.58	21.74	19.40	20.55
Denture finisher	0-3 years' experience	10.14	9.90	10.00	12.17
	3-5 years' experience	14.26	14.17	15.14	15.62
	Over 8 years' experience	19.32	20.01	16.16	20.70
Frame waxer, partial	0-3 years' experience	9.25	9.44	9.86	—
	3-8 years' experience	14.13	13.10	13.88	—
	Over 8 years' experience	18.43	16.51	18.82	17.83
Frame finisher, partial	0-3 years' experience	9.68	9.44	9.71	—
	3-8 years' experience	13.78	13.12	13.96	—
	Over 8 years' experience	18.63	19.97	17.12	17.20

NOTE: A dash (—) indicates that we received insufficient responses in the category. Due to limited data, **LMT** combined years of experience categories for this chart and excluded CAD/CAM operator and all orthodontic positions; for these positions, please see the national hourly wages chart.

Source: **LMT** Research Department, ©2006

GEOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN:

East

(ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, DC, VA, WV, NC, SC, GA, FL)

East Central

(OH, IN, IL, MI, WI, KY, TN, AL, MS)

West Central

(MN, IA, MO, ND, SD, NE, KS, AR, LA, OK, TX)

West

(MT, ID, WY, CO, MN, AZ, UT, NV, AK, WA, OR, CA, HI)