

# 2021 Food \& Beverage SALARY GUIDE 

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# Competitive Salary Insight to Attract and Retain Employees 

Kinsa Group is an executive recruiting firm with an exclusive focus on recruiting professional talent in the food and beverage industry.

Since 1985, our Recruiters have interviewed tens of thousands of candidates and in the last two decades have placed over 1,100 professionals and executives across the United States and some internationally.

Over the last two years, we have collected salary data from more than 4,000 candidate interviews across several categories and skill sets. We share this complimentary salary data with our client employers when launching specific job opening recruitment campaigns, but have compiled a confidential summary of that salary data in Kinsa Group's 2021 Salary Guide in the pages that follow.

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## Know Your Worth

Food industry professionals and executives, before entering a job interview, or requesting a pay increase from your current employer, it's important to objectively prepare your proposal.

Here's what you should know:


## How To Use This Salary Data

Kinsa Group's Salary Guide release for 2021 highlights both salary range and median base salary compensation for a number of job titles in the food and beverage industry. The data may be used by both employers and job seekers to gauge current market salaries and evaluate pay trends.

## Kinsa's Recruiters advise:

V Location has a bearing on which end of the salary range you need to be in to attract top performing talent. If the job is located where the cost of living is high, you'll need to be above the median and trending towards the high end of the range. If you need to relocate someone, you may need to incentivize that with a more attractive base salary offer.

- Are you hiring a unique talent with specialty skills that are in high-demand? You may need to move quickly and bump up the base salary to beat your competition with an irresistible offer.

V Are you hiring like-for-like or are you willing-to-train? You may be able to get someone on the low end of the range if you'll consider hiring someone with the skills and experience one-step below your job title and offer them the promotional opportunity at your company.

- However, our experience shows candidates need a 10$15 \%$ increase in salary to make a job move.

Explore the following pages to determine if your compensation strategy is aligned with 2021 pay trends...

## SALES / BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

| Position Title | Low | Median | High |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Chief Commercial Officer | $\$ 160,000$ | $\$ 225,000$ | $\$ 350,000$ |
| VP Sales | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 185,000$ | $\$ 300,000$ |
| Director Sales | $\$ 85,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ | $\$ 260,000$ |
| National Accounts Manager | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 130,000$ | $\$ 210,000$ |
| Industrial Sales Manager (B2B) | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 130,000$ | $\$ 160,000$ |
| Business Development Manager | $\$ 70,000$ | $\$ 110,000$ | $\$ 185,000$ |
| Regional Sales Manager | $\$ 65,000$ | $\$ 110,000$ | $\$ 180,000$ |
| Key Account Manager | $\$ 70,000$ | $\$ 110,000$ | $\$ 160,000$ |
| Category Manager | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 110,000$ | $\$ 140,000$ |
| District Sales Manager | $\$ 65,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ |
| Food Service / On-Premise Manager | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ |
| Customer Relationship /Business Manager | $\$ 60,000$ | $\$ 85,000$ | $\$ 140,000$ |
| Account Manager | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ |  |
| Area Sales Manager | $\$ 60,000$ | $\$ 85,000$ | $\$ 130,000$ |
| Territory Sales Manager | $\$ 65,000$ | $\$ 85,000$ | $\$ 115,000$ |
| Account Executive | $\$ 60,000$ | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 125,000$ |
| Sales Representative | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 110,000$ |  |
| Inside Sales Specialist | $\$ 65,000$ | $\$ 80,000$ |  |

## MARKETING

| Position Title | Low | Median | High |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| VP Marketing / Chief Marketing Officer | $\$ 110,000$ | $\$ 180,000$ | $\$ 280,000$ |
| Marketing Director | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 130,000$ | $\$ 200,000$ |
| Brand Manager | $\$ 90,000$ | $\$ 140,000$ | $\$ 170,000$ |
| Marketing Manager | $\$ 70,000$ | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 180,000$ |
| Category / Product Manager | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 110,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ |
| Associate Brand/Marketing Manager | $\$ 70,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 125,000$ |
| Marketing Analyst | $\$ 60,000$ | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 90,000$ |

## ACCOUNTING / FINANCE

| Position Title | Low | Median | High |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| CFO / VP of Finance | $\$ 150,000$ | $\$ 205,000$ | $\$ 300,000$ |
| Director Finance | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 160,000$ | $\$ 220,000$ |
| Controller | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 220,000$ |
| Manager Accounting / Finance | $\$ 90,000$ | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 190,000$ |
| Financial Analyst | $\$ 60,000$ | $\$ 90,000$ | $\$ 120,000$ |
| Accountant | $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 155,000$ |

## QUALITY / FOOD SAFETY / REGULATORY

| Position Title | Low | Median | High |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| VP of Quality / Food Safety | $\$ 130,000$ | $\$ 170,000$ | $\$ 260,000$ |
| Director of Food Safety and Quality | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 140,000$ | $\$ 200,000$ |
| Food Safety Quality Assurance Manager | $\$ 60,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ |
| Regulatory Manager | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 120,000$ |
| Sanitation Manager | $\$ 60,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 130,000$ |
| SQF Practitioner | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 95,000$ | $\$ 145,000$ |
| Quality / Regulatory Specialist | $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 85,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ |
| Quality Assurance / Control Supervisor | $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 70,000$ | $\$ 90,000$ |
| Quality / Lab Technician | $\$ 40,000$ | $\$ 55,000$ | $\$ 80,000$ |

FOOD SCIENCE / INNOVATION / RESEARCH \& PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

| Position Title | Low | Median | High |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| VP R\&D and Innovation | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 190,000$ | $\$ 260,000$ |
| Director of R\&D | $\$ 90,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ | $\$ 185,000$ |
| Research \& Development Manager | $\$ 70,000$ | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 160,000$ |
| Project Manager, R\&D | $\$ 70,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 135,000$ |
| Principal Scientist | $\$ 110,000$ | $\$ 160,000$ | $\$ 220,000$ |
| Sr. Food Scientist | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ |
| Food Scientist | $\$ 70,000$ | $\$ 90,000$ | $\$ 130,000$ |
| Food Technologist | $\$ 55,000$ | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 105,000$ |

## OPERATIONS

| Position Title | Low | Median | High |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| COO / VP Operations | $\$ 140,000$ | $\$ 190,000$ | $\$ 315,000$ |
| Director Operations | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ | $\$ 300,000$ |
| General Manager | $\$ 90,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ | $\$ 300,000$ |
| Plant Manager | $\$ 90,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ | $\$ 240,000$ |
| Assistant Plant Manager | $\$ 90,000$ | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ |
| Facilities Manager | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ |
| Production / Operations Manager | $\$ 70,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 180,000$ |
| Production Supervisor | $\$ 60,000$ | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 105,000$ |

## ENGINEERING

| Position Title | Low | Median | High |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| VP / Director Engineering | $\$ 130,000$ | $\$ 165,000$ | $\$ 220,000$ |
| Engineering Manager | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 135,000$ | $\$ 200,000$ |
| Project Manager | $\$ 90,000$ | $\$ 125,000$ | $\$ 190,000$ |
| Engineer | $\$ 60,000$ | $\$ 105,000$ | $\$ 160,000$ |
| Maintenance Manager | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 110,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ |

## SUPPLY CHAIN / PROCUREMENT

| Position Title | Low | Median | High |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| VP Supply Chain Operations | $\$ 150,000$ | $\$ 200,000$ | $\$ 275,000$ |
| VP Procurement / Purchasing | $\$ 125,000$ | $\$ 200,000$ | $\$ 225,000$ |
| Director Supply Chain | $\$ 90,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ | $\$ 200,000$ |
| Director Procurement | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ | $\$ 200,000$ |
| Director Logistics | $\$ 115,000$ | $\$ 140,000$ | $\$ 200,000$ |
| Category Manager | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 125,000$ | $\$ 170,000$ |
| Supply Chain Manager | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ |
| Demand Planning Manager | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ |
| Purchasing Manager | $\$ 70,000$ | $\$ 110,000$ | $\$ 185,000$ |
| Logistics / Transportation Manager | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 170,000$ |
| Warehouse Manager | $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 85,000$ | $\$ 120,000$ |
| Buyer | $\$ 55,000$ | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ |
| Supply / Demand Planner | $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 90,000$ |
| Analyst |  | $\$ 110,000$ |  |

## FOOD SERVICE / RESTAURANT

| Position Title | Low | Median | High |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Vice President | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 175,000$ | $\$ 230,000$ |
| Director | $\$ 70,000$ | $\$ 110,000$ | $\$ 180,000$ |
| District Manager | $\$ 70,000$ | $\$ 105,000$ | $\$ 120,000$ |
| Area Manager | $\$ 75,000$ | $\$ 90,000$ | $\$ 105,000$ |
| Chef | $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 90,000$ | $\$ 180,000$ |
| Manager | $\$ 60,000$ | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ |

## GROCERY STORE

| Position Title | Low | Median | High |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| VP Operations | $\$ 125,000$ | $\$ 200,000$ | $\$ 350,000$ |
| Managing Director / Director of Operations | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 130,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ |
| District Manager | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 115,000$ |
| Store Manager / General Manager | $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 85,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ |
| Department / Category Manager | $\$ 50,000$ | $\$ 70,000$ | $\$ 125,000$ |

## C-SUITE EXECUTIVE

| Position Title | Low | Median | High |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| President | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 250,000$ | $\$ 500,000$ |
| Chief Executive Officer / CEO | $\$ 150,000$ | $\$ 200,000$ | $\$ 500,000$ |
| Chief Operating Officer / COO | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 250,000$ | $\$ 325,000$ |
| General Manager / Managing Director | $\$ 140,000$ | $\$ 250,000$ | $\$ 350,000$ |
| Founder / Co-Founder / Partner | $\$ 120,000$ | $\$ 180,000$ | $\$ 350,000$ |
| Chief Commercial Officer | $\$ 160,000$ | $\$ 225,000$ | $\$ 350,000$ |
| Chief Financial Officer / CFO | $\$ 150,000$ | $\$ 205,000$ | $\$ 300,000$ |
| Chief Human Resources Officer / CHRO | $\$ 140,000$ | $\$ 190,000$ | $\$ 300,000$ |
| Chief Marketing Officer | $\$ 110,000$ | $\$ 180,000$ | $\$ 280,000$ |

## HUMAN RESOURCES

| Position Title | Low | Median | High |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Chief HR Officer / VP Human Resources | $\$ 140,000$ | $\$ 190,000$ | $\$ 300,000$ |
| Director Human Resources | $\$ 90,000$ | $\$ 160,000$ | $\$ 220,000$ |
| Human Resources Manager | $\$ 70,000$ | $\$ 100,000$ | $\$ 155,000$ |
| HR Generalist | $\$ 55,000$ | $\$ 80,000$ | $\$ 130,000$ |

## Other factors that MUST be considered

Base salary is only one factor in a total compensation plan / offer. Job satisfaction, location, work-life balance, boss/peers, and work environment must also be considered as well as...


## BONUS

Offering a bonus, based on company and/or personal performance, is the expected norm with Manager and Executive-level positions as well as for revenue-generating positions like Sales, R\&D and Marketing. The more impact a professional has on the bottom line, the higher the bonus percentage expected. An average bonus range you should consider offering is $10 \%$ to $30 \%$ of base salary.


## EQUITY

Offering equity in the company is critical for senior-level positions if your company is a start-up, still in its infancy, or private-equity owned. Equity offering varies greatly and may be awarded annually or vested over time.


## BENEFITS

The increase in healthcare costs nationwide has made group medical benefits a significant perk for employers to attract talent. Let candidates know if you cover 80-100\% of employee or family premiums. 401(k) employer match and paid time off are also well worth mentioning in an overall compensation package offer.

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[^0]:    In an effort to supply actionable salary data, outliers have been removed. This data is based on actual interview conversations with food and beverage industry employees across the USA, many of whom were recruited and submitted as candidates for job openings at Kinsa's client employers.

