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Real Chef Salaries Revealed

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How much do chefs make? An executive chef in New York City can hope to earn \$82,291 a year, according to the 2008 salary survey on Star Chefs. And while New York State may offer the highest executive pay, the 1,000-person national poll shows pastry chefs make almost 15 percent more in California (still only whipping up \$55,750). Sous-chef incomes remain in the forties across most states. Would-be career changers should keep in mind the advice from our [chef roundtable](#): Prepare to slave as a line cook long before you make it as a chef. [[Star Chefs](#)]



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