

I-Team Payroll Project: Wright State's 10 highest paid employees

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As Wright State University officials prepare this week to lay out proposed budget and staff cuts to address a growing budget deficit, the I-Team acquired a copy of the university's payroll for calendar year 2016 using Ohio public records laws.

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These records show the number of WSU employees paid more than \$200,000 grew from 61 in 2015 to 73 in 2016.

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The public-university's highest paid employee last year was David Hopkins, who recently stepped down early from his post as president. Hopkins brought in \$563,266 in 2016. This is down from previous years, when he was paid more than \$800,000 — his total compensation in 2014 was more than \$1 million.

The university also gave a pay cut to Marjorie Bowman, who was WSU's second highest paid employee in 2015, bringing in more than \$500,000 even after she stepped down as head of the medical school. Her pay was \$283,124 in 2016.

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Among those who got pay hikes were Thomas Sudkamp, whose promotion from vice president of curriculum to provost came with a \$35,060 pay bump.

The 10 highest-paid Wright State employees in 2016 were:

1. David Hopkins, president: \$563,266
2. Margaret Dunn, dean of surgery \$499,297
3. Glen Solomon, professor/chair of medicine \$413,894
4. Mary McCarthy, professor of surgery \$412,502
5. Timothy Broderick, Wright State Research Institute chief scientist: 412,499
6. Scott Nagy, head men's basketball coach: \$374,772
7. Amit Sheth, professor of computer science \$351,706
8. Thomas Sudkamp, provost: \$344,694
9. Akpofure Ekeh, professor of surgery: \$343,516
10. Robert Sweeney, professor and vice president of planning: \$322,209

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