## AUSTRALIAN CREATIVE INDUSTRY SALARY GUIDE

2020
2021

This salary guide will be useful to those who work within the following sectors of the creative industry:

Design and Creative
Digital
Marketing
Studio and Production
Account Service and Strategy

The data supplied is based purely on our experience interviewing candidates and placing roles within these sectors during the previous financial year. The guide is not intended as advice and is largely dependent on industry and economic factors. This guide is updated every year. Please note that the annual salary ranges do not include the superannuation component of an annual salary package.
For a more accurate estimate of what your business will need to pay in order to attract candidates into a particular role, be sure to speak directly with a

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## Questions?

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## Thank you for downloading our Salary Guide.

Firstly l'd like to acknowledge the devastation caused to our community during the global pandemic. Businesses have been forced to downsize, even close, causing many people to lose their jobs. To those who are struggling we will do our best to help you where we can.

As with all disasters there are industries that have thrived, so we have seen a steady stream of work for Freelancers during C-19 which is likely to increase over the coming months. Confidence appears to be returning to the permanent job market, particularly in the corporate sector.

How you supported your team during C-19 will be at the forefront of candidate decision making. If your business is one of the fortunate ones, and you're looking to attract Talent, having a unique engagement and hiring strategy that responds to this is essential.

If you're struggling to attract Talent, you will benefit from speaking directly to any of our highly experienced Consultants who will tailor a solution for you.
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## Design and Creative

|  | MELBOURNE |  | SYDNEY |  | FREELANCE RATE P/H |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average | Higher end | Average | Higher end | Low | High |
| Executive Creative Director | 200,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 300,000 | 120 | 180 |
| Creative Director | 150,000 | 225,000 | 150,000 | 225,000 | 90 | 135 |
| Design Director | 110,000 | 135,000 | 130,000 | 165,000 | 70 | 100 |
| Senior Art Director | 95,000 | 140,000 | 105,000 | 145,000 | 60 | 90 |
| Art Director | 85,000 | 105,000 | 90,000 | 125,000 | 55 | 80 |
| Senior Graphic Designer | 85,000 | 100,000 | 85,000 | 110,000 | 70 | 90 |
| Graphic Designer | 65,000 | 80,000 | 70,000 | 85,000 | 50 | 65 |
| Senior Finished Artist | 80,000 | 100,000 | 80,000 | 100,000 | 50 | 60 |
| Finished Artist | 65,000 | 85,000 | 65,000 | 90,000 | 40 | 60 |
| Retoucher | 75,000 | 90,000 | 80,000 | 100,000 | 50 | 60 |
| Packaging (FMCG) Designer | 80,000 | 130,000 | 85,000 | 140,000 | 50 | 80 |
| Experiential Designer | 110,000 | 150,000 | 120,000 | 150,000 | 70 | 90 |
| Illustrator | 80,000 | 110,000 | 80,000 | 110,000 | 50 | 70 |
| Presentation Specialist | 80,000 | 110,000 | 80,000 | 110,000 | 50 | 70 |
| Desktop Publisher | 50,000 | 90,000 | 50,000 | 90,000 | 70 | 100 |
| MS Word Template Specialist | 90,000 | 110,000 | 90,000 | 110,000 | 60 | 80 |

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## Digital

|  | MELBOURNE |  | SYDNEY |  | FREELANCE RATE P/H |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average | Higher end | Average | Higher end | Low | High |
| Head of Digital | 145,000 | 235,000 | 160,000 | 250,000 | 95 | 150 |
| Senior Digital Designer | 90,000 | 130,000 | 90,000 | 130,000 | 55 | 80 |
| Digital Designer | 70,000 | 95,000 | 75,000 | 100,000 | 50 | 65 |
| Digital Creative Director | 150,000 | 225,000 | 150,000 | 225,000 | 90 | 135 |
| Digital Art Director | 95,000 | 140,000 | 105,000 | 145,000 | 60 | 90 |
| Executive Digital Producer | 125,000 | 160,000 | 130,000 | 180,000 | 80 | 120 |
| Senior Digital Producer | 100,000 | 140,000 | 105,000 | 150,000 | 60 | 90 |
| Digital Producer | 75,000 | 110,000 | 85,000 | 115,000 | 50 | 70 |
| Digital Project Manager | 105,000 | 135,000 | 115,000 | 140,000 | 70 | 90 |
| Service Design Lead | 150,000 | 220,000 | 150,000 | 220,000 | 100 | 150 |
| Service Designer | 130,000 | 165,000 | 120,000 | 170,000 | 80 | 110 |
| CX Executive | 250,000 | 350,000 | 250,000 | 350,000 | 150 | 210 |
| CX Lead | 200,000 | 220,000 | 200,000 | 220,000 | 120 | 130 |
| CX Designer | 100,000 | 150,000 | 100,000 | 150,000 | 60 | 90 |

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| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average | Higher end | Average | Higher end | Low | High |
| UX Lead | 200,000 | 220,000 | 200,000 | 220,000 | 120 | 130 |
| UX Designer Senior | 100,000 | 150,000 | 100,000 | 150,000 | 60 | 90 |
| UX Designer | 85,000 | 125,000 | 90,000 | 135,000 | 50 | 85 |
| UX Researcher Senior | 110,000 | 135,000 | 110,000 | 150,000 | 70 | 100 |
| UX Researcher | 90,000 | 130,000 | 90,000 | 135,000 | 60 | 85 |
| UI Designer Senior | 110,000 | 120,000 | 120,000 | 140,000 | 70 | 90 |
| UI Designer | 85,000 | 120,000 | 90,000 | 140,000 | 55 | 95 |
| Senior Product Designer | 110,000 | 150,000 | 120,000 | 165,000 | 65 | 100 |
| Product Designer | 85,000 | 120,000 | 90,000 | 130,000 | 50 | 90 |
| Senior Front End Developer | 110,000 | 162,500 | 120,000 | 162,500 | 70 | 100 |
| Front End Developer | 85,000 | 100,000 | 90,000 | 115,000 | 55 | 80 |
| Motion Graphics Designer | 90,000 | 120,000 | 95,000 | 130,000 | 75 | 90 |
| Video Producer | 90,000 | 120,000 | 110,000 | 140,000 | 80 | 100 |
| Video Editor | 80,000 | 110,000 | 90,000 | 120,000 | 50 | 70 |
| App Designer | 90,000 | 120,000 | 110,000 | 140,000 | 80 | 100 |

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## Marketing

|  | MELBOURNE |  | SYDNEY |  | FREELANCE RATE P/H |  |
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|  | Average | Higher end | Average | Higher end | Low | High |
| Head of Marketing | 150,000 | 225,000 | 150,000 | 225,000 | 100 | 150 |
| Marketing Director | 135,000 | 190,000 | 145,000 | 190,000 | 90 | 120 |
| Marketing Manager | 90,000 | 145,000 | 100,000 | 145,000 | 60 | 100 |
| Brand Manager | 90,000 | 145,000 | 90,000 | 145,000 | 65 | 100 |
| Communications Manager | 95,000 | 140,000 | 100,000 | 145,000 | 65 | 100 |
| Campaign Manager | 75,000 | 105,000 | 80,000 | 115,000 | 50 | 70 |
| Digital Marketing Manager | 100,000 | 140,000 | 105,000 | 150,000 | 70 | 100 |
| Digital Marketing Strategist | 150,000 | 180,000 | 150,000 | 180,000 | 70 | 110 |
| Email Marketing Specialist | 75,000 | 110,000 | 85,000 | 110,000 | 50 | 70 |
| Head of Social Media | 90,000 | 150,000 | 100,000 | 150,000 | 60 | 100 |
| Social Media Manager | 65,000 | 95,000 | 75,000 | 105,000 | 50 | 60 |
| Social Media Coordinator | 50,000 | 65,000 | 50,000 | 70,000 | 30 | 40 |
| Community Manager | 70,000 | 90,000 | 70,000 | 110,000 | 50 | 70 |
| Head of Content | 110,000 | 170,000 | 115,000 | 150,000 | 90 | 120 |
| Content Marketing Manager | 90,000 | 125,000 | 90,000 | 130,000 | 60 | 80 |
| Content Producer | 80,000 | 95,000 | 90,000 | 115,000 | 50 | 70 |
| Senior Copywriter | 90,000 | 120,000 | 100,000 | 130,000 | 60 | 80 |
| Copywriter | 70,000 | 95,000 | 75,000 | 100,000 | 50 | 60 |

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## Studio and Production

|  | MELBOURNE |  | SYDNEY |  | FREELANCE RATE P/H |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average | Higher end | Average | Higher end | Low | High |
| General Manager | 150,000 | 250,000 | 150,000 | 250,000 | 100 | 150 |
| Operations Manager | 150,000 | 250,000 | 150,000 | 250,000 | 100 | 150 |
| Creative Services Manager | 120,000 | 135,000 | 120,000 | 150,000 | 70 | 90 |
| Studio Manager | 95,000 | 125,000 | 95,000 | 135,000 | 60 | 80 |
| Traffic Manager | 75,000 | 110,000 | 85,000 | 120,000 | 50 | 80 |
| Production Manager | 90,000 | 120,000 | 95,000 | 125,000 | 60 | 80 |
| Project Manager | 80,000 | 110,000 | 80,000 | 110,000 | 50 | 70 |

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## Account Service and Strategy

|  | MELBOURNE |  | SYDNEY |  | FREELANCE RATE P/H |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Average | Higher end | Average | Higher end | Low | High |
| Client Service Director | 130,000 | 200,000 | 150,000 | 220,000 | 80 | 130 |
| Group Account Director | 130,000 | 190,000 | 140,000 | 195,000 | 80 | 120 |
| Senior Account Director | 120,000 | 150,000 | 125,000 | 165,000 | 90 | 110 |
| Account Director | 97,000 | 125,000 | 110,000 | 140,000 | 60 | 90 |
| Senior Account Manager | 80,000 | 110,000 | 90,000 | 135,000 | 50 | 80 |
| Account Manager | 72,000 | 95,000 | 75,000 | 105,000 | 50 | 70 |
| Account Executive | 60,000 | 78,000 | 60,000 | 85,000 | 40 | 55 |
| Head of Strategy | 190,000 | 250,000 | 190,000 | 250,000 | 115 | 150 |
| Senior Brand Strategist | 120,000 | 185,000 | 120,000 | 190,000 | 90 | 120 |
| Brand Strategist | 86,000 | 92,000 | 90,000 | 100,000 | 60 | 70 |




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