

Want To Know More About Your Union?

Site reports union data, officials' salaries

If you want to know more about one or more union's spending and receipts, there is a website that tracks Department of Labor reporting required under the Landrum Griffin Act. While current LM-2 forms elicit relatively little specific information about union expenditures, you might find the information they do provide useful.

<http://union-reports.dol.gov/olmsWeb/docs/index.html>

From this site you can: (1) view and print reports filed by unions, employers, and labor relations consultants for the year 2000 and after, (2) order reports for the year 1999 and prior, (3) search the union annual financial reports for the year 2000 and after for key data items, and (4) order a CD of the union reports database.

For union information, click on Union Data in the blue column to the upper right of the page cited above, or go directly to the site by activating the link below.

<http://union-reports.dol.gov/olmsWeb/docs/union.html>

Fill in the blanks provided to identify the information requested. For example, **if you want to know aggregate receipts data for all unions with receipts greater than or equal to \$250,000 from the most recent information available**, fill in the following blanks:

Step 1:

Union -- All Unions

For individual unions, identify the union you are interested in from the list of unions provided. Please note the list is in alphabetical order by AFL-CIO affiliated unions, then by independent unions. But for purpose of the list in this example continue:

Type of Union-- All Types

State-- All States

Zip codes -- Selection 1: 00001-10000

(Please note, the format doesn't allow you to pull more than 500 unions at a time, and since it is difficult to know how many unions are in a specific zip code range, this has to be a guesstimate. As a general rule, you can pull in increments of 1000 or more, but be aware there are some areas where you have to decrease the range to units of 500, or fewer. If your range is too large, the program will tell you to decrease your range at a later point.)

LM Report Type.. All Reports

Number of Members: All

Receipts: Greater than or Equal to 250,000

Informational: Not Selected

Step 2

Most Recent Report on File

Continue

Step 3

Click on Receipts Listings

The next page gives you a list of subcategories of information you can display. You can choose up to five to go along with the total receipt information that will be automatically posted. Just remember, if you are going to add these figures in the end you need to make sure you choose the same five subcategories each time.

Standard Sort

View

(If you are going to print your selected listing, make sure your printer paper orientation is set to "Landscape.")

Would you like to know how many SEIU officials make \$100,000 or more per year?

To do research on the salaries and "total payments" received by other SEIU officers, go to:

<http://union-reports.dol.gov/olmsWeb/docs/oedefsearch.html>

Click on the box marked "officers." Next, click the box marked "by union" Next, select "Service Employees -- AFL-CIO" in the list of unions for which information is available. (Remember, this list is in alphabetical order by AFL-CIO affiliated unions, then Independent unions. So Service Employees is located near the top of the list.) After that, you can limit your search as indicated on the web page.

An Institute staffer limited it to salaries of \$100,000 and over and came up with the names of 35 individuals. International President Andy Stern's gross salary in 2002 (the latest information available at the time) was \$210,059. But, interestingly enough, that's far less than the \$370,529 salary of John Ryan, President of SEIU Local 74 in New York City. Hmmm.