



Libertarian think tank says government salaries are out of control

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The Cato Institute released a report today saying salaries and benefit packages offered to government workers are too high and out of step with those of the private sector. According to the report, total compensation offered state and local government workers in 2009 averaged \$39.66 per hour. The private sector's average total compensation was \$27.42 per hour.

The report can be read [here](#).

The report comes on the heels of a congressional study, which says unfunded retirement benefits could become an enormous problem in the coming years for [Metro and other local governments](#) across the country.

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