

# 2025

## Pulse Radiology Salary Guide



## Why Radiologic Technologists Should Consider **Career Advancement in 2025**

The medical imaging industry is rapidly evolving, with increased demand for specialized imaging professionals such as MRI and CT technologists. In 2025, the decision to upskill from a general Radiologic Technologist (Rad Tech) to a certified MRI or CT technologist isn't just a professional milestone—it's a strategic career investment.

This guide breaks down salary growth, regional opportunities, and certification paths so you can make the smartest move for your career. If you're ready to level up in radiology, this is where to start.

### Salary Snapshot

## Radiologic Technologists vs. **MRI & CT Technologists**

Across all 50 U.S. states, data shows that advancing your certification from a general radiologic technologist to an MRI or CT technologist can increase your salary by 15–25% or more, depending on location and experience. Below is a summary of national averages:

- Radiologic Technologist: **\$77,660/year**
- MRI Technologist: **\$88,180/year**
- CT Technologist: **\$86,083/year**

In states with high demand or cost of living, this gap widens significantly. For example:

- **California:** MRI Techs average \$114,680 vs. \$103,150 for Rad Techs
- **Washington:** CT Techs average \$134,410, one of the highest nationally

*These differences represent not only higher salaries but also increased job security and upward mobility.*



## State-by-State Salary Guide

State	Radiologic Tech	MRI Tech	CT Tech
Alabama	\$59,000	\$68,000	\$66,000
Alaska	\$87,180	\$109,830	\$97,000
Arizona	\$89,367	\$102,773	\$70,941
Arkansas	\$58,000	\$67,000	\$65,000
California	\$103,150	\$114,680	\$97,954
Colorado	\$85,000	\$100,000	\$84,000
Connecticut	\$80,000	\$90,000	\$82,294
Delaware	\$75,000	\$85,000	\$80,000
Florida	\$75,000	\$90,000	\$85,000
Georgia	\$70,000	\$85,000	\$79,000
Hawaii	\$92,170	\$105,000	\$95,000
Idaho	\$65,000	\$75,000	\$70,000
Illinois	\$80,000	\$95,000	\$85,000
Indiana	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$75,000
Iowa	\$68,000	\$78,000	\$73,000
Kansas	\$65,000	\$75,000	\$70,000
Kentucky	\$66,000	\$76,000	\$71,000
Louisiana	\$67,000	\$77,000	\$72,000
Maine	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$75,000
Maryland	\$85,000	\$95,000	\$90,000
Massachusetts	\$93,270	\$105,000	\$95,000
Michigan	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$75,000
Minnesota	\$75,000	\$85,000	\$80,000
Mississippi	\$60,000	\$70,000	\$65,000
Missouri	\$75,000	\$103,448	\$55,591
Montana	\$65,000	\$75,000	\$70,000
Nebraska	\$68,000	\$78,000	\$73,000

Note: Salaries are approximate and can vary based on experience, certifications, and facility type.

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State	Radiologic Tech	MRI Tech	CT Tech
Nevada	\$80,000	\$90,000	\$85,000
New Hampshire	\$75,000	\$85,000	\$80,000
New Jersey	\$85,000	\$95,314	\$90,000
New Mexico	\$65,000	\$75,000	\$61,789
New York	\$90,000	\$100,000	\$90,938
North Carolina	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$75,000
North Dakota	\$68,000	\$78,000	\$73,000
Ohio	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$75,000
Oklahoma	\$65,000	\$75,000	\$70,000
Oregon	\$90,000	\$100,000	\$95,000
Pennsylvania	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$75,000
Rhode Island	\$75,000	\$85,000	\$80,000
South Carolina	\$65,000	\$75,000	\$70,000
South Dakota	\$65,000	\$75,000	\$70,000
Tennessee	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$75,000
Texas	\$89,345	\$102,748	\$79,151
Utah	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$75,000
Vermont	\$70,000	\$80,000	\$75,000
Virginia	\$80,000	\$90,000	\$85,000
Washington	\$108,615	\$109,750	\$134,410
West Virginia	\$60,000	\$70,000	\$65,000
Wisconsin	\$75,000	\$85,000	\$80,000
Wyoming	\$65,000	\$75,000	\$70,000

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## Career Advancement **Insights**



**Certification Impact:** Obtaining advanced certifications, such as those from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), can significantly boost earning potential.



**Facility Type:** Technologists working in outpatient care centers often earn higher salaries compared to those in hospitals or physician offices.



**Geographic Variations:** States with higher costs of living, like California and Washington, tend to offer higher salaries to compensate.

### Conclusion

**When you move from general radiologic tech to MRI or CT, you open the door to higher pay and more opportunity. Especially in states with strong demand, certification gives you a powerful edge.**

### Career Value

## Beyond **Salary**

In addition to higher income, career advancement brings:

- **Greater Job Security:** Specialized roles are less likely to be automated or outsourced.
- **Increased Mobility:** Nationally recognized certifications open doors across facilities and states.
- **Professional Credibility:** Advanced credentials elevate your professional profile.
- **Expanded Roles:** Opportunity to transition into cross-modality roles or leadership positions.



## Geographic Opportunity Map

### Where Demand Meets Reward

You might be surprised how much your location affects your earning potential. These stats will help you see where MRI and CT technologists earn the most.

#### Top 5 States for CT Tech Salaries



Washington  
(\$134,410)



California  
(\$97,954)



Oregon  
(\$95,000)



New York  
(\$90,938)



Texas  
(\$79,151)

#### Top 5 States for MRI Tech Salaries



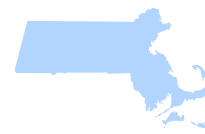
California  
(\$114,680)



Alaska  
(\$109,830)



Washington  
(\$109,750)



Massachusetts  
(\$105,000)



Texas  
(\$102,748)



### Certification = Higher Earnings

Professional certification through ARRT for MRI or CT not only boosts credentials but directly correlates with increased compensation:

- **Certification Requirements:** Typically 16–24 months of focused study
- **Exams & Clinicals:** Often completed online or through affiliated clinical partners
- **ROI Timeline:** Most certified technologists see ROI within 12–18 months of entering the field

## Industry Outlook

### 2025 and Beyond

- The aging U.S. population means more diagnostic imaging is needed across all care settings.
- Hospitals are prioritizing imaging staff to meet growing demand and fill critical roles.
- Technology is evolving fast. Specialized technologists are now essential for advanced modalities like AI-powered MRI and 3D CT.

### Conclusion

This isn't just about earning more. It's about putting yourself in a future-ready position in a field that's expanding fast. **You have the chance to build a career that keeps growing with the industry.**

### Now Is the Time

**If you've been thinking about taking the next step, this is your moment.**

Specialized imaging roles are in high demand, and with the right certification, you can position yourself for better pay, more stability, and long-term growth.

You don't need to wait for the right opportunity, you can create it. We're here to help you make that move with confidence.

