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GPs scrape into top-50 earners list

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GPs salaries are dwarfed by their specialist and surgical colleagues, but they still scrape into the top 50 earners in Australia.

According to the Australian Tax Office (ATO), male GPs earn an average of \$185,000 per year and rank number 48 among Australian men.

Women GPs earn an average of \$130,000 per year, ranking them at number 40, according to [newly released statistics \(https://data.gov.au/dataset/taxation-statistics-2013-14/resource/c506c052-be2f-4fba-8a65-90f9e60f7775?inner_span=True\)](https://data.gov.au/dataset/taxation-statistics-2013-14/resource/c506c052-be2f-4fba-8a65-90f9e60f7775?inner_span=True) from 2013/14.

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Male doctors appear to earn double the income of their female counterparts on average, but the statistics do not distinguish between part-time and full-time workers.

At nearly \$600,000 per year, neurosurgeons top the list of male earners. Women neurosurgeons earn about \$320,000.

Specialist physicians and surgeons dominate the top 20, occupying 18 of the top 20 male positions and 17 of the top 20 female positions.

RANK	MALES	AVERAGE TAXABLE INCOME	FEMALES	AVERAGE TAXABLE INCOME
1	Neurosurgeon	577,674	Judge – law	355,844
2	Ophthalmologist	552,947	Neurosurgeon	323,682
3	Cardiologist	453,253	Plastic and reconstructive surgeon	281,608
4	Plastic and reconstructive surgeon	448,530	Futures trader	281,600
5	Gynaecologist; Obstetrician	446,507	Vascular surgeon	271,529
6	Otorhinolaryngologist	445,939	Gynaecologist; Obstetrician	264,628
7	Orthopaedic surgeon	439,629	Gastroenterologist	260,925
8	Urologist	433,792	Magistrate	260,161
9	Vascular surgeon	417,524	Anaesthetist	243,582
10	Gastroenterologist	415,192	Ophthalmologist	217,242
11	Diagnostic and interventional radiologist	386,003	Cardiologist	215,920
12	Dermatologist	383,880	Urologist	213,094
13	Judge – law	381,323	Surgeon – general	210,796
14	Anaesthetist	370,492	Medical oncologist	208,612
15	Cardiothoracic surgeon	358,043	Specialist physician – other	207,599
16	Surgeon – general	357,996	Specialist physician – general medicine	207,225
17	Specialist physician – other	344,860	Otorhinolaryngologist	200,136
18	Radiation oncologist	336,994	Dermatologist	195,030
19	Medical oncologist	322,178	Diagnostic and interventional radiologist	180,695
20	Securities and finance dealer	320,452	Cardiothoracic surgeon	175,500
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21	Intensive care specialist	315,444	Paediatric surgeon	175,314
22	Specialist physician – general medicine	315,114	Endocrinologist	174,542
23	Intensive care specialist	308,033	Member of parliament	173,331
24	Renal medicine specialist	298,681	Rheumatologist	169,409
25	Neurologist	298,543	Intensive care specialist	169,369
26	Financial investment manager	288,790	Emergency medicine specialist	165,786
27	Investment broker	286,530	Orthopaedic surgeon	159,479
28	Paediatric surgeon	282,508	Neurologist	155,217
29	Clinical haematologist	271,738	Renal medicine specialist	155,133
30	Futures trader	264,830	Psychiatrist	152,437
31	Endocrinologist	258,972	Clinical haematologist	147,970
32	Cricketer	257,527	Paediatrician	147,347
33	Rheumatologist	256,933	Securities and finance dealer	145,208
34	Dental specialist	253,442	Dental specialist	140,505
35	Magistrate	246,737	Actuary	136,819
36	Equities analyst; investment dealer	245,826	Radiation oncologist	135,678
37	Paediatrician	239,405	Financial investment manager	134,481
38	Stockbroker	238,192	Petroleum engineer	133,315
39	Psychiatrist	234,557	Mining production manager	133,061
40	Emergency medicine specialist	232,595	General practitioner	129,834
41	Member of parliament	232,093	Thoracic medicine specialist	127,645
42	Pathologist	224,378	Stockbroker	124,433
43	Company secretary	218,432	Paving plant operator	123,281
44	State governor	212,652	Tribunal member	119,219
45	Actuary	196,144	Medical practitioner – other	118,310
46	Medical practitioner –	187,468	Geophysicist	117,575

46	other	187,400	Geophysicist	117,070
47	Petroleum engineer	185,808	CEO; Managing director	116,855
48	General practitioner	184,639	Engineering manager	116,732
49	CEO; Managing director	181,849	Metallurgist	110,359
50	Mining production manager	179,439	Company secretary	107,786

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