

## Getting Their Dues? Top Union Boss Salaries in Illinois

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Thanks to union expense reporting requirements and the accessibility of the Internet, we can get a glimpse into the compensation packages of top union officials in Illinois.

Unions are required by law to file annual "LM-2" financial reports with the United States Department of Labor's Office of Labor-Management Standards (OLMS). According to a review of the disclosure database on the OLMS website, there were 102 union employees and officers in Illinois who grossed over [\\$150,000 in base salary for fiscal year 2008](#).

They include:

- Charles Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer of Painters AFL-CIO District Council 30, earned a base salary of \$233,754 in 2008. [The average Illinois painter earned \\$45,770 in 2007.](#)
- Thomas Burek, President/Business Manager for the Sheet Metal Workers AFL-CIO Local Union 73, earned a base salary of \$240,881 in 2008. [The average Illinois sheet metal worker earned \\$53,350 in 2007.](#)
- Kenneth Boyd, President of the Food & Commercial Workers Local Union 1546, earned a base salary of \$189,192 in 2008. [The average Illinois food preparer earned \\$19,400 in 2007.](#)
- Martin Umlauf, President/Executive Secretary Treasurer of Carpenters IND District Council 0, grossed \$296,846 in 2008. [The average Illinois carpenter earned \\$55,760 in 2007.](#)

Here's the entire list (union, name, position, 2008 base salary):

Carpenters IND District Council 0, Martin C. Umlauf, President/Exec SECY TREAS, \$296,846  
Laborers Local Union 152, John M. Lazzaretto, President/Business MGR, \$296,152  
Teamsters Local Union 710, James Dawes, President, \$287,010  
Laborers District Council 0, Richard Sherman, Secretary-Treasurer, \$280,730  
Laborers District Council 0, James Connolly, Business Manager, \$280,692  
Laborers Local Union 76, Liberato Naimoli, President, \$260,716  
Laborers District Council 0, Charles V. Loverde III, Asst. Bus. Manger, \$244,811  
Carpenters IND District Council 0, Jeffrey Isaacson, 1st Vice President, \$243,568  
[Engineers, Operating, AFL-CIO Local Union 150, Dale Pierson, Legal Department Employee, \\$242,978](#)  
Sheet Metal Workers AFL-CIO Local Union 73, Thomas Burek, President/Bus MGR, \$240,881  
Carpenters IND District Council 0, Frank Libby, 2nd Vice President Officer, \$239,568  
Painters AFL-CIO District Council 30, Charles E. Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer, \$233,754  
Plumbers AFL-CIO Local Union 597, James Buchanan, Business Manager, \$222,890  
[Engineers, Operating, AFL-CIO Local Union 150, James M. Sweeney, Vice-Pres. /Pres. BUS MGR, \\$219,113](#)  
Painters AFL-CIO District Council 14, Terrence Fitzmauri, Secretary-Treasurer, \$213,598  
Laborers Local Union 6, Jeff Ziemann, President/Business MGR, \$211,058  
Teachers AFL-CIO State Federation 310, Steven Preckwinkle, Admin Staff, \$210,322  
Teamsters Local Union 727, John T. Coli, Secretary-Treasurer, \$209,112  
Service Employees Local Union 1, Thomas Balanoff, President, \$209,001  
Food & Commercial WKRS Local Union 881, Ronald E. Powell, President, \$208,363  
Teamsters Local Union 710, Michael Sweeney, Vice-President, \$207,561  
[Engineers, Operating, AFL-CIO Local Union 150, Steven M. Cisco, Rec. Corres. Secretary, \\$206,873](#)  
Carpenters IND District Council 0, Gary Perinar Sr., Business Representative, \$200,391  
Laborers Local Union 152, John M. Burns, Treasurer, \$198,172  
Laborers Local Union 76, Marcus Lapore, Secretary/Treasurer, \$197,325  
Teamsters Local Union 731, Terrence J. Hancock, President, \$196,350  
Laborers Local Union 6, Louis Kulchar, Secretary/Treasurer, \$195,290  
Food & Commercial WKRS Local Union 882, Steven M. Powell, Secretary-Treasurer, \$194,789  
Teachers AFL-CIO State Federation 310, Michael McGue, Local Staff, \$193,833  
[Engineers, Operating, AFL-CIO Local Union 150, Marshall E. Douglas II, Treasurer, \\$191,296](#)  
[Engineers, Operating, AFL-CIO Local Union 150, David Fagan, Financial Secretary, \\$191,296](#)  
Carpenters IND District Council 0, Peter Diraffaele, Business Representative, \$189,265  
Food & Commercial WKRS Local Union 1546, Kenneth Boyd, President, \$189,192  
Sheet Metal Workers AFL-CIO Local Union 73, Robert Schneider, Financial Secretary, \$186,962  
Teamsters Local Union 710, Patrick Flynn, Secretary Treasurer, \$186,391  
[Engineers, Operating, AFL-CIO Local Union 150, James J. McNally, Vice-President, \\$186,304](#)  
Teachers AFL-CIO State Federation 310, Gail Purkey, Comm Staff, \$186,042  
Carpenters IND District Council 0, Mark Maher, Business Representative, \$185,265  
Carpenters IND District Council 0, William Rabinak, Business Representative, \$185,265  
Liquor & Wine Sales Representatives 0, Patrick G. Duff, President, \$184,167  
BLDG & Construction Trades Dept AFL-CIO BLDG & Construction Trades Council 0, Thomas P. Villanova, \$183,199  
Teamsters Local Union 731, John J. Lisner, Secretary-Treasurer, \$183,068

Sheet Metal Workers AFL-CIO Local Union 73, Michael Doyle, Recording Secretary, \$181,535  
 Stage & Picture Operators AFL-CIO Local Union 780, Andrew Younger, Recording Secretary, \$179,004  
 Iron Workers AFL-CIO Local Union 1, Robert Boskovich, President, \$176,564  
 Carpenters IND District Council 0, John Clearwater, Marketing Director, \$175,983  
**Engineers, Operating, AFL-CIO Local Union 150, Daniel P. Regan, Assistant to President, \$175,928**  
 Carpenters IND District Council 0, James Kasmer, Assistant to the President, \$175,265  
 Carpenters IND District Council 0, Thomas Kavicky, Assistant to the President, \$175,265  
 Carpenters IND District Council 0, Gary Perinar Jr., Assistant to President, \$175,265  
 Carpenters IND District Council 0, William Schambach, Assistant to President, \$175,265  
 Carpenters IND District Council 0, Steven Schurch, Assistant to President, \$175,265  
 Carpenters IND District Council 0, Dennis Sexton, Assistant to President, \$175,265  
 Carpenters IND District Council 0, William Hanson, Assistant to the President, \$175,265  
 Plumbers AFL-CIO Local Union 130, James T. Sullivan, Business Manager, \$174,480  
 Laborers Local Union 1, Antonio Castro, President, \$173,608  
 Liquor & Wine Sales Representatives 0, John F Duff III, Secy/Treas, \$173,333  
 Teachers AFL-CIO State Federation 310, James Bron, Field Staff, \$172,985  
 Teachers AFL-CIO State Federation 310, Jean Reeder, Field Staff, \$172,985  
 Carpenters IND District Council 0, John Jarger, Marketing Director, \$172,671  
 National Education ASN IND State Association, State Affiliate 0, Kenneth B. Swanson, President,  
 \$171,296  
**Engineers, Operating, AFL-CIO Local Union 150, Elizabeth A. Larose, Legal Department, \$171,114**  
**Engineers, Operating, AFL-CIO Local Union 150, William Dugan, President-Business MGR, \$168,952**  
 Carpenters IND District Council 0, Michael Sexton, Business Representative, \$167,620  
 Food & Commercial WKRS Local Union 1546, Terry Kramer, Secretary Treasurer, \$166,962  
 Plumbers AFL-CIO Local Union 597, John Kuszynski, Financial Sec-Treasurer, \$166,206  
 National Education ASN IND State Association, State Affiliate 0, Jo Anderson, Executive Director,  
 \$166,182  
 BLDG & Constrn Trades Dept AFL-CIO BLDG & Construction Trades Council 0, Frank O'Lone, Secretary-  
 Treasurer, \$165,981  
 Laborers Local Union 98, Timothy L. Riley, Business Manager, \$165,301  
 Plumbers AFL-CIO Local Union 597, Thomas J. Kotel, Recording Secretary, \$163,502  
 Sheet Metal Workers AFL-CIO Local Union 73, Rocco Terranova, Business Rep, \$162,463  
 Sheet Metal Workers AFL-CIO Local Union 73, Steve Zirolli, Business REP, \$162,463  
 Laborers Local Union 225, Russ Schneider, Business Manager/President, \$161,667  
 Sheet Metal Workers AFL-CIO Local Union 73, Dan Ahern, Business Rep., \$161,463  
 Sheet Metal Workers AFL-CIO Local Union 73, James Pirman, Business Rep., \$161,063  
 Sheet Metal Workers AFL-CIO Local Union 73, Raymond Suggs, Business Representative, \$161,063  
 Electrical Workers IBEW AFL-CIO Local Union 134, Timothy Foley, Bus MGR/FIN Sec, \$160,793  
 Teachers AFL-CIO State Federation 310, Joann Harper, Admin Staff, \$160,449  
 Sheet Metal Workers AFL-CIO Local Union 73, Michael Keeley, Business Rep., \$159,888  
 Laborers Local Union 4, Paul Connolly, Secy/Treas & Business MGR, \$159,843  
 Laborers Local Union 1, Anthony Aiello, Secretary Treasurer, \$159,444  
 Unite AFL-CIO Joint Board 0, Nick Beasley, Manager, \$158,949  
 Laborers Local Union 4, John Lally, Vice Pres/Business Rep., \$158,570  
 Teamsters Local Union 916, Leo Carroll, Recording Secretary, \$158,384  
 Stage & Picture Operators AFL-CIO Local Union 476, Mark Hogan, Business Representative, \$158,335  
 Teamsters Local Union 727, Becky Strzechowski, Vice President, \$157,950  
 Plumbers AFL-CIO Local Union 281, John Zubricks, Business Manager, \$157,496  
 Laborers Local Union 97, Mark A. Riley, Secretary-Treasurer, \$157,493  
 Teamsters Local Union 916, Tony Barr, President, \$156,154  
 Teachers AFL-CIO State Federation 310, David Richmond, Admin. \$155,478  
 Teachers AFL-CIO State Federation 310, Lee Wilson, Admin Staff, \$155,478  
 Food & Commercial WKRS Local Union 881, Lisa M. Catanzaro, Executive Vice President, \$154,830  
 Food & Commercial WKRS Local Union 881, Maynard R. Jerome, Executive Vice President, \$154,830  
 Carpenters IND District Council 0, Mark Scott, Regional Director, \$154,522  
 National Education ASN IND State Association, State Affiliate 0, Michael Gibler, UNISERV Director,  
 \$152,949  
 Laborers Local Union 582, Toby Koth, President/Business MGR, \$152,928  
 Boilermakers AFL-CIO Lodge 1, John Skermont, BUS MGR/SEC Treasurer, \$152,600  
 Laborers Local Union 96, Joseph D. Riley, President, \$152,536  
 Laborers Local Union 225, Anthony Cantone, Secretary/Treasurer, \$150,500  
**Engineers, Operating, AFL-CIO Local Union 150, Steven A. Davidson, Legal Department, \$150,391**  
**Engineers, Operating, AFL-CIO Local Union 150, Kenneth E. Edwards, Business Representative,**  
**\$150,391**  
 Teamsters Local Union 781, Richard A. Smith, President, \$150,000

Why is the Illinois Policy Institute compiling this information? Union financial disclosure could be on its way out. According to a [report](#) from *National Review*, "the Labor Department seems intent on ensuring that union members know as little about how their union spends their money as possible" by rescinding a more detailed version of the LM-2 disclosure form and underfunding the Office of Labor-Management Standards. We wanted to ensure this information remained accessible.