

INTERPRETERS AND TRANSLATORS

Interpreters and translators convert information from one language to another. Interpreters work in spoken or sign language, translators in written language.

DUTIES

Interpreters and translators typically do the following:

- Convert concepts in the source language to equivalent concepts in the target language
- Speak, read, and write fluently in at least two languages, including English and one or more others
- Relay style and tone
- Manage work schedules to meet deadlines
- Render spoken ideas accurately, quickly, and clearly

Interpreters and translators aid communication by converting information from one language into another. Although some people do both, interpreting and translating are different professions: interpreters deal with spoken words, translators with written words.

Interpreters convert information from one spoken language into another—or, in the case of sign language interpreters, between spoken language and sign language. Interpreters must usually be fluent speakers or signers of both languages because they communicate back and forth among the people who do not share each other's language.

Translators convert written materials from one language into another. The goal of a translator is to have people read the translation as if it were the original. To do that, the translator must be able to write sentences that flow as well as the original did while keeping the ideas and facts of the original accurate. Translators must consider any cultural references, including slang, and other expressions that do not translate literally.

Translators must read the original language fluently but may not need to speak it fluently. They usually translate only into their native language.

Nearly all translation work is done on a computer, and translators receive and submit most assignments electronically. Translations often go through several revisions before becoming final.



SALARY INFORMATION

Location	2018				
	10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
California	\$34,150	\$43,960	\$57,580	\$77,950	\$95,850

*Pay period based on yearly amount.

EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK

Stable growth rate is estimated to be **20%**

1,220 estimated annual job openings

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