ARBORIST CAREER PATHWAY

Wages are highly dependent upon the region and employer. Highest paying regions are in northeastern U.S. metros, eastern cities, and Midwest metros. Arborists have full-time non-seasonal employment, and may have opportunities for overtime hours during the early spring. A high percentage of employers offer benefits including healthcare, life insurance, retirement, and profit sharing.

**Average Actual Wages (2014)**

- **$19.74—$23.85/hr.**
  - Forestry Manager (Utilities)
  - Experience
- **$17.40—$22.09/hr.**
  - Safety Coordinator
  - Experience
  - Tree Care Salesperson
- **$18.48—$23.37/hr.**
  - Urban Forrester or City Arborist
- **$17.27—$21.97/hr.**
  - Aerial Lift Operator
  - Experience
- **$15.74—$19.59/hr.**
  - Tree Climber
  - Experience
  - Plant Health Care Technician
- **$13.20—$16.71/hr.**
  - Ground Operations Worker
  - Entry Level Position
  - Accelerated Entry

Source: Tree Care Industry Association