

# Deposition Videographer Rate Guide 2026

Real pricing data from providers across all 50 states

- ✓ Average rates for 33 major metro areas
- ✓ Half-day vs full-day pricing breakdown
- ✓ Hidden fees to watch for (streaming, copies, travel)
- ✓ How to negotiate better rates with providers

## 2026 Pricing at a Glance

Service Level	Setup + First Hr	Addl. Hours	Full Day (8 hrs)	What's Included
Budget HD	\$200–\$250	\$50–\$75/hr	~\$550–\$600	HD camera, 1 lav mic, digital delivery
Standard HD/4K	\$250–\$400	\$75–\$125/hr	\$750–\$999	4K camera, 2 lav mics, backup recorder
Premium Studio	\$400–\$500+	\$125–\$350/hr	\$900–\$2,500+	Full crew, multi-camera, editing included
Remote/Zoom	\$250–\$600 flat	\$67–\$135/hr tech	~\$600–\$769	Secure platform, paperless delivery

### Quick Budget Reference

Standard half-day deposition: \$300–\$600 | Full-day deposition: \$750–\$999 | Full deposition with transcript, video, and synchronization: \$1,000–\$5,000

## Package-Based Pricing

Package	Duration	Typical Cost
Half-Day Package	2–3 hours	\$300–\$625
Full-Day Package	3–5 hours	\$625–\$750
All-Day Session	6–8 hours	\$900–\$999

# Hidden Fees & Add-Ons

Always get an all-in quote. The base rate is rarely the final number. Budget 15–20% above the quoted rate for add-ons.

Add-On	Typical Cost	When You Need It
Video-to-transcript sync	\$150–\$300	Trial prep, clip creation for TrialDirector
Editing / post-production	\$350/hr	Impeachment clips, trial presentation
Overtime	\$95 per half-hour	Deposition runs past scheduled end
Expedited delivery	50–100% premium	Need files within 24–48 hours
4K upgrade (over HD)	\$20–\$25/hr more	When visual detail matters for evidence
Media / disc copies	\$10–\$40/copy	Physical backup or opposing counsel copies
Cancellation fee	Flat rate fee (\$200–\$400)	Same-day cancellation; double on holidays
Travel / mileage	\$0.50–\$2.00/mile	Outside videographer's metro area
Second camera	\$50–\$200 additional	Multi-angle coverage of the witness

**Pro Tip:** Request an all-in quote that includes sync, delivery format, overtime policy, and cancellation fees. Don't accept "starts at \$X/hour."

# Rates by State & Metro Area

State / Metro	Hourly Range	Typical Session	Key Notes
New York (NYC)	\$150–\$400+	\$500–\$1,000+	Highest demand; Manhattan appearance fees \$250–\$400
Washington, DC	\$150–\$350	\$500–\$900	Federal litigation hub; full-day rates north of \$900
California (LA/SF)	\$100–\$420	\$400–\$800	LA freelancers \$100–\$420/hr; day rates up to \$3,360
Colorado (Denver)	\$104–\$404	\$400–\$750	Steady mid-range; rates flat heading into 2026
Florida (Jacksonville)	\$200 flat + \$110/hr	\$300–\$600	National providers based here; mid-range
New Jersey / Delaware	\$75–\$150	\$300–\$500	NYC proximity without Manhattan premium
Central Pennsylvania	\$70–\$95	\$250–\$400	Lowest major-market rates; full day under \$600
Small Markets	Varies widely	\$250–\$600	Fewer providers; remote often cheaper than travel
National Remote	\$67–\$135/hr	\$250–\$600 flat	Geography-neutral; stabilized at mid-range

## \$ NYC vs. NJ Savings Tip

If deposition location is flexible in the NY metro area, booking in northern New Jersey instead of Manhattan can save 20–30% on total costs.

## \$ Industry Salary Benchmark

National average deposition videographer salary: \$30.74/hr (\$63,930/yr), ranging from mid-\$50Ks in smaller markets to \$86K+ in high-cost metros. This context helps you evaluate whether a provider's quoted rate is reasonable.

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# How to Negotiate Better Rates

1. Get three quotes. Pricing variation within the same city can be 50–100%. Never accept the first quote.
2. Ask for an all-in number. Specifically ask about sync, delivery format, overtime policy, and cancellation fees.
3. Skip editing unless going to trial. Raw unedited files are admissible and save \$350+/hr in post-production.
4. Bundle with court reporting. Firms offering both transcription and videography often discount the combo by 10–15%.
5. Consider remote for routine depositions. At \$250–\$600 per session, often cheaper than in-person in expensive markets.
6. Book outside Manhattan. Northern NJ saves 20–30% for NY metro depositions.
7. Negotiate volume discounts. For cases with 5+ depositions, ask about per-session volume pricing.

# Budget Planning Worksheet

Use this worksheet to estimate total deposition videography costs. Print and fill in for each case.

Line Item	Estimated Cost	Actual Cost
Base videography (half/full day)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Transcript synchronization	\$ _____	\$ _____
Expedited delivery (if needed)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Travel / mileage	\$ _____	\$ _____
4K upgrade	\$ _____	\$ _____
Media copies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Editing (if trial-bound)	\$ _____	\$ _____
Second camera (if needed)	\$ _____	\$ _____
15% contingency buffer	\$ _____	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED</b>	\$ _____	\$ _____

**Pro Tip:** Complete this worksheet before requesting quotes. Knowing your full scope helps you get accurate all-in pricing and avoid surprise charges.

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