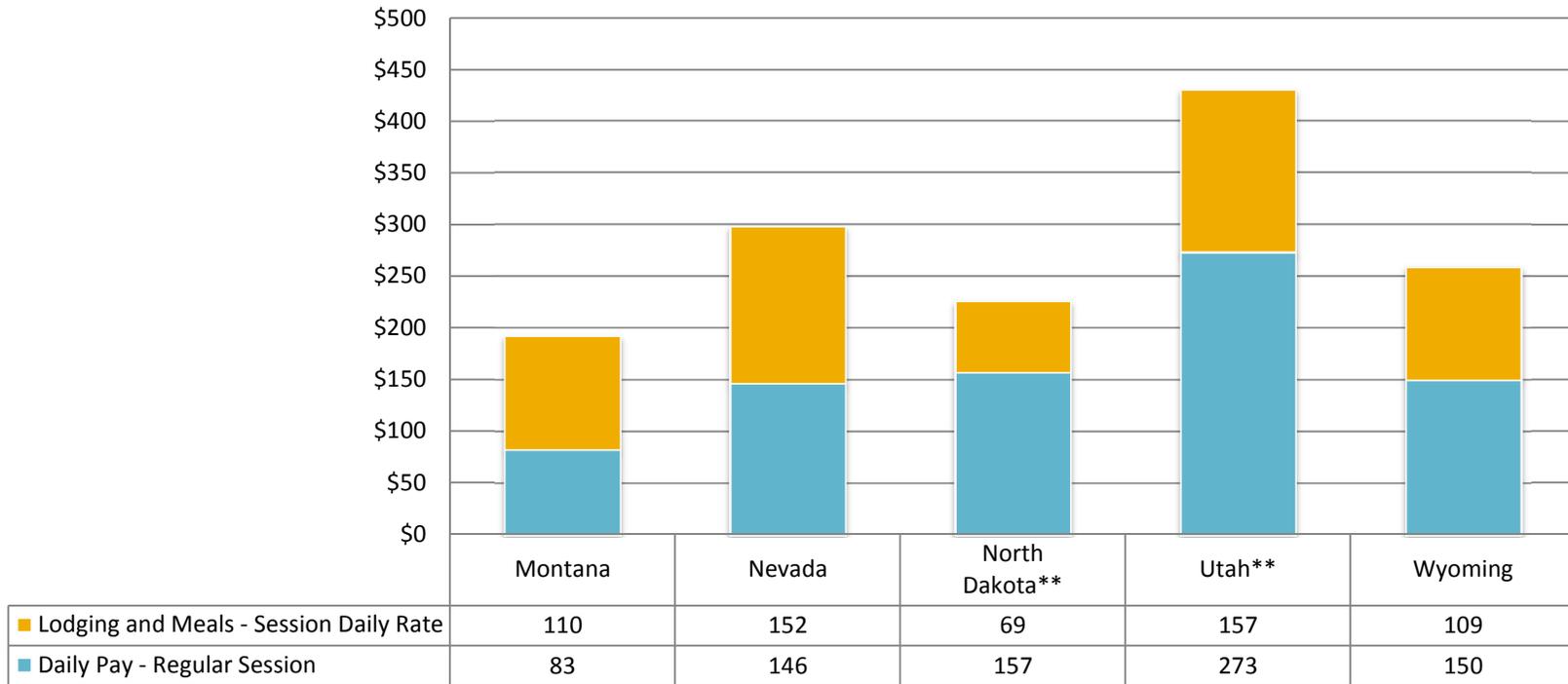


Legislator Session Daily Pay and Living Expense Allowances - 2013



The regular session daily pay rates for 2013 do not include benefits. In addition to daily session pay, living expense allowances for lodging and meals are provided to legislators. However, Montana and Wyoming only provide reimbursement for lodging and meals to legislators that live outside the capitol area. (**North Dakota caps the lodging reimbursement and doesn't provide meal reimbursement. Utah allows \$96/day for lodging and \$61/day for meals.) Other payments to Montana legislators include .55/mile for actual mileage traveled in connection with legislative business and a technology allowance of \$1000 every four years. Neighboring states also provide mileage reimbursement (although at varying rates), but typically furnish office equipment for legislator use instead of offering an allowance. Health insurance benefits vary by state and are not consistently reported, thus difficult to compare. Montana lawmakers are considered state employees and therefore are offered health insurance benefits. Additional information may be found in the Council of State Governments' Book of the States publication.

Source: Data as reported in Council of State Governments' Book of the States, volume 45