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Part 2

1. Research online the STARTING SALARY of your chosen career in California. Write it down.
2. **Most U.S. taxpayers with a traditional salary pay 6.2 percent of each paycheck as taxes for social security and 1.45 percent for Medicare, according to the California Tax Service Station.** Additional amounts may be deducted from each paycheck for federal withholding or for state fees such as unemployment. Multiply the average salary by 6.2%. Subtract that number from the salary. Also, multiply 1.45% by the average salary. Deduct this amount. Now divide the total by 12.
3. **Workbook:**

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| **A** | **B** | **C** | **D** | **E** |
| **Average Salary**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **Multiply A x .062**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **Multiply A x .0145**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **A – B – C**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | **D /12**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** |

1. How much money will you earn per month? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_