

Median CEO Pay At Top US Cos
Rose 4% To \$12.3Mn Before Covid

Median CEO compensation at top US companies rose by just over 4% to \$12.3 million in the previous year. The CEOs in the 2020 study saw a smaller pay hike at the median when compared to 2019 and 2018, when there were rises of 7.2% and 8.5%, respectively. The highest paid CEO was Lisa Su, CEO at chipmaker AMD, who became the first woman to top the list since the study's inception in 2011. Communication services emerged as the highest-paying industry with median pay at \$27.8 million, ahead of healthcare, which had led for 2 years

Source: Equilar; the study considers CEOs who served in that role at an S&P 500 co for the last two years and filed proxy statements before April 30, 2020

