High-Demand

through 2032

High School Diploma or Equivalent and Short-Term Training

Occupation (Job Title)	Projected Annual Openings	Projected Growth	Hourly Wage Range
Animal Caretakers	1,835	11.5%	\$13–\$16
Bartenders	2,940	1.6%	\$12-\$22
Bus Drivers, School	1,615	0.5%	\$19-\$23
Cargo & Freight Agents	250	8.6%	\$22-\$29
Community Health Workers	200	13.5%	\$18-\$26
Construction Laborers	3,420	1.8%	\$19-\$28
Dining Room & Cafeteria Attendants	2,150	3.5%	\$11–\$16
Driver/Sales Workers	1,795	7.0%	\$13-\$24
Exercise Trainers & Group Fitness Instructors	1,185	7.5%	\$15-\$27
Fast Food & Counter Workers	26,385	0.4%	\$13–\$14
Home Health & Personal Care Aides	15,115	17.4%	\$14–\$17
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers	9,975	2.4%	\$17-\$22
Light Truck Drivers	4,080	9.2%	\$15–\$23
Property, Real Estate & Community Assoc. Managers	805	3.9%	\$22-\$38
Recreation Workers	2,355	2.3%	\$14-\$18
Refuse & Recyclable Material Collectors	620	2.2%	\$20-\$28
Shuttle Drivers & Chauffeurs	935	5.3%	\$14-\$18
Social & Human Service Assistants	1,395	9.7%	\$16-\$21
Stockers & Order Fillers	15,025	1.4%	\$15-\$19
Vet. Assistants & Laboratory Animal Caretakers	930	22.4%	\$15–\$18

^{*} These occupational wages are typically published as annual wages. To calculate hourly wages for these occupations, annual wages were divided by 2,080 hours.

High-Demand and High-Wage through 2032

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)

Occupation (Job Title)	Projected Annual Openings	Projected Growth	Hourly Wage Range
Architectural & Engineering Managers	835	3.7%	\$63–\$83
Chemists	265	7.3%	\$31–\$63
Civil Engineers	475	3.3%	\$32–\$50
Computer & Information Systems Managers	1,115	12.4%	\$58-\$84
Computer Systems Analysts	1,045	6.8%	\$38-\$58
Computer User Support Specialists	1,530	2.0%	\$22–\$32
Data Scientists	420	34.8%	\$35–\$55
Electrical Engineers	560	2.8%	\$38-\$60
Electronics Engineers, Except Computer	300	4.5%	\$41–\$62
Engineering Teachers, Postsecondary	205	9.9%	\$48-\$78*
Environmental Engineers	190	8.1%	\$32–\$55
Industrial Engineers	1,785	10.2%	\$38–\$53
Information Security Analysts	255	25.6%	\$38-\$63
Mechanical Engineering Technologists & Techs	740	1.0%	\$24-\$38
Mechanical Engineers	2,075	8.2%	\$38-\$58
Operations Research Analysts	110	20.5%	\$36–\$57
Sales Reps., Goods, Technical & Scientific	580	3.5%	\$38-\$77
Software Developers	3,360	20.4%	\$39-\$63
Software Quality Assurance Analysts & Testers	230	16.4%	\$29-\$49
Web & Digital Interface Designers	165	12.1%	\$24-\$48









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through 2032

Postsecondary Certificate or Moderate-Term Training

Occupation (Job Title)	Projected Annual Openings	Projected Growth	Hourly Wage Range
Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	250	2.7%	\$23-\$40
CNC Tool Programmers	255	12.9%	\$25–\$35
Computer User Support Specialists	1,530	2.0%	\$22-\$32
Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs	475	0.4%	\$24-\$30
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	6,420	2.1%	\$22–\$29
Highway Maintenance Workers	300	2.5%	\$22-\$27
Insurance Sales Agents	1,165	7.6%	\$22-\$40
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	820	1.3%	\$27-\$32
Massage Therapists	425	12.8%	\$23-\$37
Medical Records Specialists	305	6.3%	\$19-\$28
Operating Engineers	855	-0.2%	\$24-\$35
Paramedics	150	3.6%	\$22-\$27
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	1,290	-2.1%	\$28-\$38
Production, Planning, & Expediting Clerks	920	1.6%	\$22-\$36
Real Estate Sales Agents	415	0.8%	\$18-\$40
Sales Reps., Goods, Nontechnical	4,145	-0.6%	\$24-\$48
Sales Reps., Services	2,555	2.0%	\$23-\$48
Skincare Specialists	210	3.3%	\$18-\$33
Surgical Technologists	250	2.2%	\$24–\$30
Telecomm. Equipment Installers & Repairers	410	7.9%	\$22–\$31

Note: These lists include occupations that show a favorable mix of projected long-term job growth, projected annual job openings, and median wages. They do not necessarily reflect current hiring demand. Hourly wage represents the 25th to 75th percentiles.

High-Demand and High-Wage

through 2032

Associate Degree/Long-Term Training/Apprenticeships

Occupation (Job Title)	Projected Annual Openings	Projected Growth	Hourly Wage Range
Dental Hygienists	545	7.2%	\$36–\$39
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	195	10.5%	\$32-\$39
Electrical Engineering Technologists & Techs	290	1.4%	\$23–\$38
Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	320	1.2%	\$37-\$55
Electricians	2,595	4.9%	\$23-\$39
HVAC & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	920	4.6%	\$22-\$32
Industrial Engineering Technologists & Techs	470	1.6%	\$24-\$37
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	2,000	14.4%	\$24-\$34
Mechanical Engineering Technologists & Techs	740	1.0%	\$24-\$38
Medical Equipment Repairers	200	11.4%	\$22–\$36
Millwrights	280	5.6%	\$32–\$39
Mobile Heavy Equip. Mechanics, Except Engines	345	4.9%	\$24-\$32
Occupational Therapy Assistants	255	27.0%	\$27-\$32
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	770	1.7%	\$23–\$36
Physical Therapist Assistants	565	21.1%	\$25–\$31
Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters	1,310	0.9%	\$23-\$41
Radiologic Technologists & Techs	365	0.1%	\$29-\$38
Respiratory Therapists	290	9.4%	\$31–\$38
Telecomm. Line Installers & Repairers	200	5.9%	\$23-\$33
Veterinary Technologists & Techs	435	21.2%	\$19–\$24

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High-Demand and High-Wage

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Bachelor's Degree or Higher

Occupation (Job Title)	Projected Annual Openings	Projected Growth	Hourly Wage Range
Accountants & Auditors	3,210	1.8%	\$29-\$47
Architectural & Engineering Managers	835	3.7%	\$63–\$83
Computer & Information Systems Managers	1,115	12.4%	\$58-\$84
Computer Systems Analysts	1,045	6.8%	\$38-\$58
Financial Managers	1,760	14.2%	\$48-\$82
General & Operations Managers	7,150	1.8%	\$30-\$70
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	415	18.1%	\$36–\$85 ⁻
Human Resources Specialists	1,990	3.2%	\$24-\$40
Industrial Engineers	1,785	10.2%	\$38-\$53
Lawyers	810	4.9%	\$39-\$79
Logisticians	805	16.7%	\$29-\$48
Management Analysts	1,725	7.1%	\$32-\$53
Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	2,330	12.2%	\$23-\$43
Mechanical Engineers	2,075	8.2%	\$38-\$58
Medical & Health Services Managers	1,510	26.8%	\$38-\$63
Nurse Practitioners	700	41.2%	\$51–\$63
Physician Assistants	455	26.1%	\$51–\$65
Project Management Specialists	1,715	3.8%	\$36–\$61
Registered Nurses	5,950	2.7%	\$37-\$47
Software Developers	3,360	20.4%	\$39–\$63

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