

High-Growth Occupations Requiring an Associate's Degree, Technical Training, or Work Experience

Occupations	Job Growth to 2014	Average Hourly Wage
Registered Nurses	160	\$25.31
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, Attendants	65	\$11.30
First-Line Supv/Mgrs, Food Prep/Serv Wrks	65	\$12.16
First-Line Supv/Mgrs, Production/Oper Wrks	60	\$22.61
Hairdressers/Hairstylists, Cosmetologists	45	\$13.34
First-Line Supv/Mgrs of Retail Sales Wrks	40	\$16.62
Automotive Service Technicians/Mechanics	35	\$15.28
Licensed Practical/Licensed Voc Nurses	35	\$16.85
Food Service Managers	35	\$15.77
First-Line Supv/Mgrs, Mechanic/Instll/Repr	30	\$25.40
First-Line Supv/Mgrs, Office/Admin Support	25	\$20.79
Preschool Teachers, excl. Special Education	25	\$16.60
First-Line Supv/Mgrs, Housekeep/Jntrl Wrkr	20	\$18.47
Chefs, Head Cooks	20	\$13.32
Dental Hygienists	20	\$25.51
First-Line Supv/Mgrs, Construction/Extract	15	\$27.49
Computer Support Specialists	15	\$18.28
Medical Records/Health Info Technicians	15	\$13.59
Library Technicians	10	\$10.40
Medical Secretaries	10	\$12.40
Emergency Medical Tech, Paramedics	10	\$11.71
Purchasing Agents, excl. Whlsl/Retail/Farm	10	\$24.10
Radiologic Technologists/Technicians	10	\$20.28
Medical Transcriptionists	10	\$12.68
Cost Estimators	10	\$29.12

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High-Growth Occupations Requiring at Least Moderate On-The-Job Training

Occupations	Job Growth to 2014	Average Hourly Wage
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	130	\$16.56
Customer Service Representatives	100	\$13.85
Cooks, Restaurant	95	\$8.18
Correctional Officers, Jailers	95	\$17.19
Bookkeeping/Accounting/Auditing Clerks	85	\$13.67
Machinists	70	\$15.81
Team Assemblers	55	\$13.07
Medical Assistants	50	\$11.29
Laundry/Dry-Cleaning Workers	45	\$9.57
Sales Reps, Whlsl/Mfg, excl. Tech/Sci Product	45	\$26.68
Police/Sheriff's Patrol Officers	35	\$19.94
Executive Secretaries, Admin Assistants	35	\$17.03
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	30	\$15.38
Telecommunications Line Install/Repairers	25	\$23.25
Heating/Air Cond/Refrig Mechanics/Installers	25	\$17.25
Dental Assistants	25	\$12.84
Carpenters	20	\$15.31
Plumbers, Pipefitters, Steamfitters	20	\$21.60
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	20	\$18.71
Construction Laborers	20	\$14.74
Cement Masons, Concrete Finishers	20	\$16.08
Social/Human Service Assistants	20	\$12.95
Photographers	15	\$12.50
Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	15	\$9.97
Operating Engineer/Other Constr Equip Oper	15	\$18.51

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Occupations with Largest Number of Annual Job Openings Through 2014

High-Growth Occupations Requiring at Least a Bachelor's Degree

Occupations	Percent Job Growth	Occupations	Annual Openings	Occupations	Job Growth to 2014	Average Hourly Wage
Medical Assistants	35.0	Retail Salespersons	81	Elementary School Teachers, excl. Special Ed	65	N.A.
Physical Therapists	33.6	Cashiers	79	Secondary School Teachers, excl. Spec/Voc Ed	65	N.A.
Hosts/Hostesses, Restaurant/Lounge/Coffee	29.5	Waiters, Waitresses	64	General and Operations Managers	60	\$41.34
Dental Assistants	28.9	Combined Food Prep/Serv Worker, incl. Fast Food	62	Middle School Teachers, excl. Spec/Voc Ed	45	N.A.
Home Health Aides	27.0	Teacher Assistants	37	Physical Therapists	35	\$30.34
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria/Concession	27.0	Registered Nurses	30	Special Ed Teachers, Pre/Kinder/Elem Schl	30	N.A.
Dental Hygienists	26.8	Elementary School Teachers, excl. Special Ed	29	Physicians and Surgeons	25	\$69.14
Cooks, Restaurant	26.1	Landscaping/Groundskeeping Workers	28	Chief Executives	25	\$57.58
Community/Social Service Specialists	25.8	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	25	Education, Training, Library Workers	25	\$18.65
Chefs, Head Cooks	25.0	Bookkeeping/Accounting/Auditing Clerks	24	Medical & Health Services Managers	20	\$33.55
Physicians, Surgeons	24.5	Secondary School Teachers, excl. Spec/Voc Ed	23	Child/Family/School Social Workers	20	\$20.99
Waiters, Waitresses	24.2	Janitor/Cleaner, excl. Maid/Housekeeping Cleaner	23	Accountants, Auditors	20	\$25.86
Special Ed Teachers, Pre/Kinder/Elem School	24.0	Stock Clerks, Order Fillers	23	Community/Social Service Specialists	20	\$19.72
Editors	23.5	Cooks, Restaurant	21	Industrial Engineers	15	\$30.24
Registered Nurses	23.0	Laundry/Dry-Cleaning Workers	21	Pharmacists	15	\$47.63
Helpers, Install/Maint/Repair Workers	23.0	Helpers, Production Workers	21	Insurance Sales Agents	15	\$22.69
Medical Records/Health Info Technicians	22.8	Team Assemblers	20	Physician Assistants	15	\$34.43
Pharmacists	22.5	Office Clerks, General	20	Editors	15	\$23.71
Special Education Teachers, Middle School	22.0	Bartenders	20	Lawyers	10	\$47.41
Landscaping/Groundskeeping Workers	21.5	Secretaries, excl. Legal/Medical/Executive	18	Dentists, General	10	\$73.45
Correctional Officers, Jailers	20.9	Customer Service Representatives	18	Educational/Voc/School Counselors	10	\$25.70
Machinists	20.3	Correctional Officers and Jailers	18	Adult Lit/Remedial/GED Teachers & Instruc	10	\$19.92
Customer Service Representatives	20.3	Child Care Workers	18	Clergy	10	\$15.47
Truck Drivers, Light & Delivery Services	20.2	Laborers Freight/Stock/Material Movers, Hand	18	Computer & Information Systems Managers	10	\$35.64
Tax Preparers	20.0	Middle School Teachers, excl. Spec/Voc Ed	17	Human Resources, Training, Labor Relations	10	\$18.16