

Comparison of salaries and training for the 30 occupations with the largest employment growth, 2008-18

Occupation	Rank†	Employment Change (# or % increase in jobs, 2008-2018)		Mean Wage (2009)		Most significant source of postsecondary education or training
		# of jobs ↑	% increase	Per HR	Annual	
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	13	233,000	13.0	\$18.87	\$39,260	11 Short-term on-the-job training
Office clerks, general	7	359,000	11.9	\$13.32	\$27,700	11 Short-term on-the-job training
Security guards	25	153,000	14.2	\$12.70	\$26,430	11 Short-term on-the-job training
Receptionists and information clerks	19	173,000	15.2	\$12.50	\$26,010	11 Short-term on-the-job training
Landscaping and groundskeeping workers	14	217,000	18.0	\$12.18	\$25,340	11 Short-term on-the-job training
Retail salespersons	6	375,000	8.4	\$11.84	\$24,630	11 Short-term on-the-job training
Teacher assistants	30	135,000	10.3	\$11.67*	\$24,280	11 Short-term on-the-job training
Home health aides	2	461,000	50.0	\$10.29	\$21,620	11 Short-term on-the-job training
Child care workers	29	142,000	10.9	\$10.07	\$20,940	11 Short-term on-the-job training
Waiters and waitresses	26	152,000	6.4	\$9.80	\$20,380	11 Short-term on-the-job training
Personal and home care aides	5	376,000	46.0	\$9.75	\$20,280	11 Short-term on-the-job training
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	4	394,000	14.6	\$8.71	\$18,120	11 Short-term on-the-job training
Maintenance and repair workers, general	27	148,000	10.9	\$17.56	\$36,520	10 Moderate-term on-the-job training
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing Clerks	15	212,000	10.3	\$16.71	\$34,750	10 Moderate-term on-the-job
Construction laborers	11	256,000	20.5	\$15.96	\$33,190	10 Moderate-term on-the-job training
Customer service representatives	3	400,000	17.7	\$15.58	\$32,410	10 Moderate-term on-the-job
Medical assistants	21	164,000	33.9	\$14.16	\$29,450	10 Moderate-term on-the-job training
Carpenters	20	165,000	12.9	\$20.98	\$23,640	9 Long-term on-the-job training
First-line supervisors/managers of office and administrative support workers	22	160,000	11.0	\$24.01	\$49,990	8 Work experience in a related occupation
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants	16	204,000	12.8	\$21.16	\$44,010	8 Work experience in a related occupation
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	23	156,000	20.7	\$19.66	\$49,000	7 Postsecondary vocational award
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	9	276,000	18.8	\$12.01	\$24,980	7 Postsecondary vocational award
Registered nurses	1	582,000	22.2	\$31.99	\$66,530	6 Associate degree
Computer software engineers, applications	18	175,000	34.0	\$43.35	\$90,170	5 Bachelor's degree
Network systems and data communications analysts	24	156,000	53.4	\$36.81	\$76,560	5 Bachelor's degree
Accountants and auditors	8	279,000	21.7	32.42	\$67,430	5 Bachelor's degree
Elementary school teachers, except special education	12	244,000	15.8	\$25.56*	\$53,150	5 Bachelor's degree
Management analysts	17	178,000	23.9	\$40.70	\$84,650	4 Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience
Postsecondary teachers	10	257,000	15.1	\$35.74*	\$74,330	2 Doctoral degree
Physicians and surgeons	28	144,000	21.8	\$83.59	\$173,860	1 First professional degree

For reference: Current minimum wage is \$7.25/hr which would be \$15,076 annually

†based on # of job positions expected 2008-2018

***Hourly estimated** - original source stated: Wages for some occupations that do not generally work year round, full time, are reported as annual salaries depending on how they are typically paid.

Sources:

Table 1. National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2009 <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.t01.htm>

Table 6. The 30 occupations with the largest employment growth, 2008-18 <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ecopro.t06.htm>

Measures of Education and Training - http://www.bls.gov/emp/ep_education_tech.htm