

**BACHELOR'S DEGREE:** Completion of a four-year college program is typical to enter these occupations.

	2020 Employment	Average Annual Job Openings	2021 Annual Median Wage
General and Operations Managers	33,809	3,369	\$91,541
Registered Nurses	40,997	2,582	\$98,758
Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	18,176	1,767	\$107,058
Accountants and Auditors	13,812	1,347	\$72,592
Management Analysts	10,427	1,192	\$86,944
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	8,818	1,167	\$65,229
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	13,171	1,075	\$71,006
Human Resources Specialists	7,816	858	\$62,171
Financial Managers	8,278	817	\$118,227
Substitute Teachers, Short-Term	5,740	704	\$47,133
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	7,972	619	\$73,835
Sales Managers	6,178	612	\$119,038
Medical and Health Services Managers	5,013	599	\$117,187
Marketing Managers	5,414	557	\$127,899
Computer and Information Systems Managers	6,120	550	\$132,350
Buyers and Purchasing Agents	5,775	550	\$60,736
Training and Development Specialists	4,321	494	\$63,731
Computer Systems Analysts	6,243	491	\$100,443
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	4,173	457	\$52,083
Clergy	3,941	444	\$49,608
Administrative Services and Facilities Managers	4,745	441	\$97,219
Industrial Engineers	4,435	389	\$93,226

**ADVANCED DEGREES:** Extensive skills, knowledge, and experiences are typically needed for these occupations, including at least one year of college coursework beyond the completion of a bachelor's degree.

	2020 Employment	Average Annual Job Openings	2021 Annual Median Wage
Lawyers	7,797	397	\$116,958
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	2,899	323	\$142,443
Nurse Practitioners	2,378	300	\$121,514
Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors	2,523	272	\$62,026
Education Administrators, Kindergarten through Secondary	3,146	254	\$113,611
Physicians, All Other; and Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric	5,851	220	Over \$208,000
Pharmacists	4,429	212	\$144,747
Physical Therapists	3,140	205	\$92,019
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	1,706	189	\$45,739
Rehabilitation Counselors	1,581	175	\$40,165
Physician Assistants	1,673	169	\$119,371
Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	2,157	154	\$91,894
Speech-Language Pathologists	1,743	153	\$84,760
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	1,549	144	\$80,870
Librarians and Media Collections Specialists	1,244	133	\$67,766
Occupational Therapists	1,468	114	\$94,411
Veterinarians	1,837	108	\$108,160
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	1,298	102	\$94,016
Career/Technical Education Teachers, Postsecondary	1,118	101	\$69,451
Dentists, General	1,797	91	\$201,594

\* Annual Wages

\*\* Apprenticeship typically needed to attain competency in the skills needed in the occupation.

NA – not available

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# OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

# 2022

# ALL OF THESE OCCUPATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO HAVE JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN COMING YEARS

## LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL:

No high school diploma or equivalent.

	2020 Employment	Average Annual Job Openings	2021 Annual Median Wage
Fast Food and Counter Workers	56,302	14,588	\$27,269
Retail Salespersons	50,536	7,915	\$31,429
Cashiers	37,675	6,720	\$28,434
Stockers and Order Fillers	38,710	5,393	\$34,382
Waiters and Waitresses	21,545	5,205	\$27,810
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	32,331	4,835	\$30,846
Cooks, Restaurant	17,018	3,926	\$32,198
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	24,989	3,790	\$35,298
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	22,276	3,360	\$31,637
Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse	20,494	3,216	\$29,141
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	15,503	2,622	\$30,077
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	15,840	2,516	\$36,400
Construction Laborers	17,777	2,118	\$42,557
Food Preparation Workers	10,695	2,036	\$29,869
Bartenders	6,383	1,539	\$27,830
Dishwashers	5,361	1,081	\$28,163
Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	4,844	1,071	\$27,290
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	9,031	1,057	\$41,974
Automotive and Watercraft Service Attendants	7,015	1,048	\$27,622
Packers and Packagers, Hand	7,260	1,016	\$29,286

## HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA:

Completion of high school or an equivalent program.

	2020 Employment	Average Annual Job Openings	2021 Annual Median Wage
Office Clerks, General	32,366	3,753	\$38,251
Customer Service Representatives	28,114	3,552	\$38,272
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	27,333	2,688	\$43,618
Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	24,625	2,325	\$79,643
Carpenters	21,863	2,218	\$54,330
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	20,205	2,208	\$42,786
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	11,128	2,157	\$37,024
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary	18,088	2,110	\$33,744
Medical Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	14,766	1,913	\$41,850
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	16,997	1,853	\$64,022
Receptionists and Information Clerks	12,073	1,769	\$33,405
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	15,603	1,740	\$41,787
Light Truck Drivers	12,817	1,629	\$39,166
Passenger Vehicle Drivers, Except Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	9,843	1,543	\$37,794
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	14,360	1,438	\$60,424
Childcare Workers	7,493	1,410	\$28,870
Security Guards	9,408	1,365	\$32,198
Electricians	10,530	1,289	\$80,371
Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	8,678	1,129	\$61,152
Exercise Trainers and Group Fitness Instructors	3,950	975	\$41,912

## POSTSECONDARY TRAINING:

Some education beyond high school is typical. These occupations require training from career schools or community colleges that usually lasts one or two years.

	2020 Employment	Average Annual Job Openings	2021 Annual Median Wage
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	25,009	2,882	\$50,378
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	22,445	2,490	\$44,574
Medical Assistants	12,859	1,772	\$42,869
Nursing Assistants	13,548	1,652	\$37,981
Real Estate Sales Agents	13,841	1,501	\$42,182
Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	6,255	791	\$56,368
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	7,366	722	\$45,344
Computer User Support Specialists	8,299	709	\$57,221
Dental Assistants	4,608	628	\$49,962
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	3,865	626	\$29,078
Real Estate Brokers	5,543	603	NA
Insurance Sales Agents	5,611	546	\$57,096
Pharmacy Technicians	5,167	459	\$44,387
Massage Therapists	2,357	394	\$63,378
Manicurists and Pedicurists	1,872	379	\$31,866
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	3,591	362	\$53,643
Firefighters	4,338	353	\$66,581
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	3,830	330	\$59,030
Chefs and Head Cooks	1,647	296	\$53,685
Phlebotomists	2,408	294	\$40,789

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE:

Completion of a two-year college program will give you the education typically needed for these jobs.

	2020 Employment	Average Annual Job Openings	2021 Annual Median Wage
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	5,216	747	\$31,928
Construction Managers	6,893	580	\$101,650
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	4,665	512	\$54,267
Graphic Designers	3,860	398	\$53,706
Dental Hygienists	3,412	309	\$89,357
Biological Technicians	2,580	302	\$43,472
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	2,658	260	\$66,872
Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	2,215	193	\$88,691
Agricultural and Food Science Technicians	1,143	156	\$43,368
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	2,304	143	\$77,813
Physical Therapist Assistants	846	143	\$64,251
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	1,328	140	\$37,669
Respiratory Therapists	1,570	118	\$73,653
Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	1,131	115	\$73,008
Commercial Pilots	853	101	\$86,390
Interior Designers	832	95	\$58,427
Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers	679	88	\$111,120
Property Appraisers and Assessors	1,076	86	\$65,458
Fine Artists, Including Painters, Sculptors, and Illustrators	475	79	\$50,752
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	991	75	\$94,869