

H3: HIGH WAGE, HIGH DEMAND, HIGH SKILL

Wages from Occupational Employment Statistics, 4th Quarter 2017. Annual openings from 2016-2026 Long-term Occupational Projections. Produced by the Nebraska Department of Labor, Office of Labor Market Information.

Occupation	Central Region					
	Percent Change	Annual Openings	Avg. Hourly Wage	Avg. Annual Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	7.43%	170	\$21.32	\$44,356	\$31,840	\$50,615
Registered Nurses	7.85%	115	\$29.01	\$60,347	\$48,310	\$66,365
General and Operations Managers	8.86%	82	\$41.12	\$85,543	\$35,378	\$110,626
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	8.18%	82	\$23.15	\$48,144	\$27,692	\$58,371
Machinists	8.03%	78	\$19.26	\$40,062	\$32,075	\$44,056
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	4.05%	74	N/A	\$54,988	\$41,669	\$61,649
Carpenters	4.57%	61	\$18.42	\$38,323	\$27,486	\$43,741
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	5.71%	53	N/A	\$56,640	\$40,128	\$64,896
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	8.20%	44	\$19.40	\$40,339	\$34,586	\$43,216
Accountants and Auditors	12.47%	40	\$31.45	\$65,416	\$42,671	\$76,789
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	6.33%	40	\$17.68	\$36,765	\$23,502	\$43,396
Electricians	10.29%	38	\$23.42	\$48,709	\$34,899	\$55,614
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	17.39%	33	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	15.20%	29	\$19.74	\$41,050	\$32,686	\$45,231
Human Resources Specialists	17.32%	27	\$27.16	\$56,492	\$35,886	\$66,794
Loan Officers	7.93%	26	\$39.06	\$81,227	\$43,474	\$100,103
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	3.60%	24	N/A	\$63,865	\$46,689	\$72,452
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	25.45%	23	\$20.87	\$43,413	\$35,396	\$47,422
Soil and Plant Scientists	16.00%	22	\$23.67	\$49,237	\$28,022	\$59,845

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Dental Assistants	16.89%	19	\$18.23	\$37,914	\$29,929	\$41,907
Public Relations Specialists	6.99%	19	\$18.64	\$38,770	\$28,089	\$44,111
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	15.79%	17	\$21.54	\$44,787	\$35,060	\$49,650
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	-7.79%	16	\$23.10	\$48,052	\$23,083	\$60,536
Medical and Health Services Managers	9.24%	16	\$47.86	\$99,551	\$63,296	\$117,679
Healthcare Social Workers	10.22%	15	\$18.85	\$39,220	\$29,518	\$44,073
Agricultural and Food Science Technicians	9.68%	14	\$18.31	\$38,086	\$30,269	\$41,995
Computer User Support Specialists	9.43%	14	\$22.44	\$46,672	\$32,759	\$53,629
Financial Managers	15.38%	14	\$71.39	\$148,489	\$76,505	\$184,480
Graphic Designers	7.58%	14	\$17.23	\$35,829	\$23,944	\$41,771
Occupational Therapists	32.26%	14	\$39.84	\$82,866	\$60,376	\$94,111
Sales Managers	11.03%	14	\$44.72	\$93,017	\$50,600	\$114,226
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	14.05%	13	\$21.18	\$44,062	\$34,835	\$48,676
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	7.50%	12	\$32.45	\$67,493	\$35,817	\$83,330
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	4.64%	12	N/A	\$99,493	\$77,709	\$110,385
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	5.61%	12	\$28.82	\$59,941	\$40,986	\$69,418
Lawyers	9.13%	12	\$29.64	\$61,654	\$47,761	\$68,601
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	22.99%	12	\$23.84	\$49,587	\$35,378	\$56,692
Mental Health Counselors	25.00%	12	\$26.50	\$55,128	\$38,968	\$63,209
Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School	4.58%	12	N/A	\$57,186	\$47,339	\$62,109
Veterinarians	22.63%	12	\$28.76	\$59,807	\$45,607	\$66,907
Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	7.62%	11	\$39.38	\$81,897	\$32,363	\$106,665
Cost Estimators	8.43%	10	\$22.88	\$47,604	\$29,953	\$56,431

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Industrial Engineers	19.01%	10	\$36.43	\$75,767	\$58,849	\$84,226
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	8.61%	10	\$33.67	\$70,042	\$44,495	\$82,815
Radio, Cellular, and Tower Equipment Installers and Repairers	16.00%	10	\$23.14	\$48,132	\$40,637	\$51,880
Software Developers, Applications	25.51%	9	\$41.04	\$85,382	\$63,778	\$96,182
Tool and Die Makers	3.41%	9	\$24.72	\$51,428	\$41,853	\$56,216
Biological Technicians	1.16%	8	\$20.00	\$41,599	\$28,268	\$48,266
Construction Managers	10.48%	8	\$41.45	\$86,218	\$45,399	\$106,629
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	10.26%	8	\$15.50	\$32,240	\$23,491	\$36,616
Farm and Home Management Advisors	4.76%	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Librarians	4.71%	8	\$22.62	\$47,037	\$26,843	\$57,133
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	14.71%	8	\$20.57	\$42,789	\$33,584	\$47,392
Managers, All Other	5.83%	8	\$28.63	\$59,550	\$45,418	\$66,615
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	4.00%	8	\$30.02	\$62,440	\$49,103	\$69,109
Physical Therapist Assistants	40.91%	8	\$26.83	\$55,789	\$46,689	\$60,338
Training and Development Specialists	12.00%	8	\$23.26	\$48,374	\$36,897	\$54,112
Administrative Services Managers	11.39%	7	\$33.45	\$69,594	\$47,582	\$80,601
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	8.96%	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Industrial Production Managers	12.16%	7	\$44.21	\$91,951	\$69,025	\$103,414
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	7.32%	7	\$17.34	\$36,056	\$26,147	\$41,011
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	11.01%	7	\$18.67	\$38,836	\$26,622	\$44,942
Pharmacists	-0.57%	7	\$53.38	\$111,019	\$95,439	\$118,808
Physical Therapists	28.42%	7	\$38.45	\$79,991	\$61,538	\$89,218
Radiologic Technologists	9.09%	7	\$23.93	\$49,778	\$34,757	\$57,289

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Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other	36.11%	6	\$19.07	\$39,663	\$31,055	\$43,967
Compliance Officers	17.65%	6	\$26.44	\$54,988	\$38,927	\$63,019
Dental Hygienists	15.71%	6	\$30.58	\$63,592	\$58,265	\$66,256
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	4.60%	6	\$43.42	\$90,320	\$51,059	\$109,951
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	4.05%	6	\$31.25	\$64,999	\$48,517	\$73,241
Family and General Practitioners	11.54%	6	\$115.24	\$239,682	\$147,317	\$285,864
Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping	5.56%	6	\$17.74	\$36,916	\$28,264	\$41,242
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	14.29%	6	\$19.77	\$41,122	\$29,394	\$46,985
Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	0.00%	6	\$25.31	\$52,641	\$34,961	\$61,482
Sheet Metal Workers	9.62%	6	\$16.83	\$35,020	\$26,849	\$39,105
Social and Community Service Managers	21.15%	6	\$33.10	\$68,855	\$48,727	\$78,920
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	4.49%	6	N/A	\$58,203	\$43,544	\$65,533
Speech-Language Pathologists	12.79%	6	\$30.69	\$63,834	\$48,106	\$71,697
Wholesale and Retail Buyers, Except Farm Products	-2.04%	6	\$28.38	\$59,027	\$37,855	\$69,613
Buyers and Purchasing Agents, Farm Products	2.63%	5	\$31.28	\$65,069	\$45,547	\$74,830
Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	8.00%	5	\$19.58	\$40,721	\$24,597	\$48,782
Computer, Automated Teller, and Office Machine Repairers	0.00%	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Education Administrators, All Other	5.17%	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Industrial Engineering Technicians	8.33%	5	\$23.58	\$49,047	\$37,928	\$54,607
Medical Transcriptionists	4.26%	5	\$22.19	\$46,160	\$27,893	\$55,294
Nurse Practitioners	20.59%	5	\$47.61	\$99,027	\$79,184	\$108,948
Personal Financial Advisors	20.75%	5	\$55.64	\$115,738	\$44,736	\$151,240
Surgical Technologists	3.51%	5	\$20.32	\$42,270	\$33,036	\$46,887

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Business Teachers, Postsecondary	5.13%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School	3.77%	4	N/A	\$54,536	\$40,775	\$61,416
Education Teachers, Postsecondary	5.13%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	3.70%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Instructional Coordinators	8.11%	4	\$33.49	\$69,655	\$53,924	\$77,521
Logisticians	26.09%	4	\$36.07	\$75,033	\$54,953	\$85,072
Mechanical Engineers	13.46%	4	\$32.79	\$68,193	\$48,099	\$78,239
Nurse Anesthetists	14.49%	4	\$90.34	\$187,912	\$152,908	\$205,414
Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	3.08%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	18.87%	4	\$31.90	\$66,350	\$44,961	\$77,043
Occupational Therapy Assistants	34.78%	4	\$27.11	\$56,390	\$44,812	\$62,179
Physician Assistants	20.75%	4	\$49.55	\$103,073	\$81,700	\$113,759
Public Relations and Fundraising Managers	11.36%	4	\$46.50	\$96,712	\$74,727	\$107,706
Respiratory Therapists	3.61%	4	\$25.72	\$53,497	\$45,486	\$57,503
Special Education Teachers, Middle School	3.70%	4	N/A	\$55,053	\$40,470	\$62,345
Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary	4.88%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Agricultural Inspectors	15.38%	3	\$25.24	\$52,505	\$41,133	\$58,191
Animal Scientists	15.00%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Architects, Except Landscape and Naval	11.76%	3	\$41.27	\$85,835	\$42,640	\$107,432
Computer and Information Systems Managers	10.26%	3	\$67.15	\$139,676	\$88,697	\$165,165
Computer Network Support Specialists	7.32%	3	\$25.79	\$53,656	\$37,797	\$61,585
Dietitians and Nutritionists	22.22%	3	\$23.31	\$48,490	\$36,043	\$54,714
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	8.57%	3	\$23.55	\$48,995	\$41,451	\$52,768

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Human Resources Managers	14.81%	3	\$51.78	\$107,701	\$76,671	\$123,217
Management Analysts	14.81%	3	\$36.07	\$75,034	\$52,367	\$86,368
Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners	12.00%	3	\$21.14	\$43,965	\$33,590	\$49,151
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	45.45%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dentists, General	15.00%	2	\$61.52	\$127,960	\$78,852	\$152,515