

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	Grand Island MSA					
	Percent Change	Annual Openings	Avg. Hourly Wage	Avg. Annual Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	12.17%	140	\$21.79	\$45,310	\$30,185	\$52,872
Registered Nurses	8.58%	54	\$29.26	\$60,861	\$48,655	\$66,964
General and Operations Managers	9.25%	52	\$43.35	\$90,155	\$42,445	\$114,011
Accountants and Auditors	7.40%	41	\$30.18	\$62,766	\$38,208	\$75,045
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	8.69%	35	N/A	\$55,876	\$40,068	\$63,781
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	26.86%	32	\$23.39	\$48,642	\$37,158	\$54,383
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	8.61%	29	N/A	\$55,825	\$41,358	\$63,058
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	8.07%	28	N/A	\$57,597	\$42,975	\$64,907
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	13.31%	27	\$19.00	\$39,509	\$34,886	\$41,820
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	1.83%	26	\$18.41	\$38,277	\$24,577	\$45,126
Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	9.85%	22	\$19.45	\$40,456	\$28,055	\$46,657
Substitute Teachers	9.04%	21	\$19.76	\$41,096	\$28,385	\$47,452
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	8.90%	19	\$20.26	\$42,137	\$30,402	\$48,005
Human Resources Specialists	6.79%	17	\$22.78	\$47,383	\$32,700	\$54,724
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	19.44%	16	\$24.03	\$49,981	\$35,481	\$57,231
Loan Officers	14.20%	16	\$39.57	\$82,302	\$51,166	\$97,871
Machinists	11.85%	16	\$20.07	\$41,745	\$30,465	\$47,385
Electricians	17.17%	14	\$18.41	\$38,305	\$24,663	\$45,127
Construction Managers	15.38%	13	\$37.49	\$77,971	\$45,475	\$94,219

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Dental Assistants	16.84%	13	\$19.17	\$39,866	\$34,873	\$42,363
Physical Therapist Assistants	38.03%	13	\$25.48	\$53,002	\$46,720	\$56,144
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	10.66%	12	\$30.00	\$62,399	\$44,025	\$71,588
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	9.18%	12	\$21.38	\$44,481	\$31,875	\$50,784
Public Relations Specialists	6.90%	12	\$21.68	\$45,096	\$28,634	\$53,326
Agricultural Inspectors	11.84%	11	\$19.55	\$40,675	\$28,346	\$46,840
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	-6.25%	11	\$20.23	\$42,079	\$33,141	\$46,549
Medical and Health Services Managers	17.12%	11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cost Estimators	17.28%	10	\$27.04	\$56,244	\$33,730	\$67,500
Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	7.22%	10	N/A	\$58,714	\$40,086	\$68,029
Mental Health Counselors	23.29%	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	2.41%	8	\$21.46	\$44,631	\$35,299	\$49,297
Computer User Support Specialists	6.45%	8	\$19.63	\$40,843	\$25,718	\$48,406
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	7.53%	8	N/A	\$100,757	\$80,673	\$110,798
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	16.95%	8	\$19.91	\$41,412	\$28,453	\$47,891
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	17.74%	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Industrial Engineers	26.87%	7	\$34.03	\$70,779	\$53,240	\$79,548
Industrial Production Managers	19.18%	7	\$37.42	\$77,840	\$56,877	\$88,321
Instructional Coordinators	9.09%	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	11.29%	7	\$22.65	\$47,112	\$35,536	\$52,900
Personal Financial Advisors	16.05%	7	\$34.50	\$71,776	\$53,077	\$81,125
Compensation, Benefits, and Job Analysis Specialists	5.41%	6	\$35.53	\$73,913	\$66,519	\$77,611
Compliance Officers	3.95%	6	\$32.07	\$66,715	\$51,589	\$74,279

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Dental Hygienists	15.07%	6	\$30.68	\$63,820	\$58,678	\$66,391
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	11.11%	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	8.33%	6	\$28.70	\$59,694	\$41,719	\$68,681
Management Analysts	11.32%	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mechanical Drafters	17.86%	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners	9.26%	6	\$21.89	\$45,523	\$29,746	\$53,412
Physical Therapists	30.56%	6	\$37.71	\$78,453	\$52,184	\$91,588
Sales Managers	7.25%	6	\$54.20	\$112,740	\$67,025	\$135,598
Training and Development Specialists	1.61%	6	\$24.73	\$51,455	\$41,917	\$56,224
Wholesale and Retail Buyers, Except Farm Products	-3.17%	6	\$19.67	\$40,925	\$28,248	\$47,263
Computer Systems Analysts	10.34%	5	\$41.83	\$87,000	\$68,203	\$96,398
Financial Managers	25.00%	5	\$70.64	\$146,925	\$75,266	\$182,755
Firefighters	7.04%	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gas Plant Operators	-1.82%	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Graphic Designers	7.14%	5	\$19.23	\$40,007	\$30,346	\$44,839
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	20.51%	5	\$20.89	\$43,460	\$27,663	\$51,360
Occupational Therapists	29.82%	5	\$31.37	\$65,243	\$52,919	\$71,404
Occupational Therapy Assistants	37.04%	5	\$24.50	\$50,965	\$46,238	\$53,329
Radiologic Technologists	13.25%	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tool and Die Makers	4.84%	5	\$22.99	\$47,817	\$37,561	\$52,946
Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School	8.70%	4	N/A	\$60,088	\$44,102	\$68,082
Dietitians and Nutritionists	5.88%	4	\$26.98	\$56,105	\$41,931	\$63,193
Healthcare Social Workers	17.14%	4	\$21.39	\$44,494	\$36,517	\$48,483

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Lawyers	3.54%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Library Technicians	6.90%	4	\$16.13	\$33,549	\$29,225	\$35,710
Managers, All Other	7.55%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	3.57%	4	\$27.61	\$57,442	\$44,942	\$63,692
Pharmacists	2.44%	4	\$55.63	\$115,714	\$97,248	\$124,949
Soil and Plant Scientists	5.56%	4	\$28.87	\$60,049	\$32,975	\$73,588
Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School	6.52%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	7.84%	4	N/A	\$50,212	\$37,573	\$56,531
Speech-Language Pathologists	16.22%	4	\$31.07	\$64,632	\$51,764	\$71,065
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	5.71%	3	\$20.71	\$43,088	\$37,582	\$45,840
Animal Scientists	9.68%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Appraisers and Assessors of Real Estate	24.00%	3	\$29.92	\$62,226	\$39,225	\$73,726
Family and General Practitioners	14.55%	3	\$125.74	\$261,525	\$189,812	\$297,382
Financial Examiners	8.57%	3	\$46.12	\$95,929	\$62,121	\$112,833
Health Educators	15.38%	3	\$17.57	\$36,526	\$24,996	\$42,291
Millwrights	20.00%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	4.08%	3	\$28.62	\$59,539	\$39,858	\$69,380
Nurse Practitioners	32.35%	3	\$39.29	\$81,718	\$62,845	\$91,154
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	6.67%	3	\$16.06	\$33,424	\$28,444	\$35,914
Physician Assistants	37.50%	3	\$46.57	\$96,856	\$69,570	\$110,499
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	7.14%	3	\$26.37	\$54,856	\$44,869	\$59,850
Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	5.26%	3	\$24.31	\$50,563	\$36,734	\$57,477
Skincare Specialists	16.67%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Social and Community Service Managers	7.41%	3	\$26.73	\$55,599	\$37,085	\$64,857
Stationary Engineers and Boiler Operators	13.33%	3	\$26.88	\$55,920	\$44,890	\$61,436
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	17.39%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	15.00%	3	\$28.76	\$59,820	\$39,738	\$69,862
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	12.20%	2	\$17.14	\$35,668	\$28,326	\$39,340
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	11.63%	2	\$27.54	\$57,285	\$32,759	\$69,548
Surgical Technologists	14.29%	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Veterinarians	12.20%	2	\$48.02	\$99,871	\$54,193	\$122,711
Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary	8.82%	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A