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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	Lincoln MSA					
	Percent Change	Annual Openings	Avg. Hourly Wage	Avg. Annual Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	6.02%	736	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Registered Nurses	10.97%	302	\$29.14	\$60,603	\$47,652	\$67,078
General and Operations Managers	14.02%	262	\$52.35	\$108,879	\$52,811	\$136,912
Accountants and Auditors	13.29%	222	\$31.32	\$65,157	\$42,117	\$76,678
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	10.90%	152	N/A	\$55,065	\$44,986	\$60,104
Software Developers, Applications	33.05%	150	\$35.89	\$74,652	\$52,039	\$85,959
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	10.91%	142	N/A	\$54,556	\$44,297	\$59,686
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	14.32%	128	\$39.77	\$82,722	\$46,299	\$100,935
Electricians	13.95%	122	\$24.13	\$50,191	\$34,213	\$58,180
Compliance Officers	18.03%	121	\$32.56	\$67,726	\$43,714	\$79,732
Postsecondary Teachers, All Other	10.96%	121	N/A	\$60,459	\$29,930	\$75,723
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	12.96%	111	\$28.94	\$60,192	\$37,539	\$71,518
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	24.53%	105	\$26.66	\$55,438	\$29,115	\$68,600
Computer User Support Specialists	15.18%	94	\$20.19	\$41,995	\$27,981	\$49,002
Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	0.10%	83	\$32.27	\$67,115	\$49,002	\$76,173
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	14.25%	82	\$20.19	\$42,005	\$28,814	\$48,601
Construction Managers	17.64%	79	\$41.95	\$87,237	\$56,333	\$102,689
Machinists	14.64%	79	\$21.51	\$44,739	\$33,399	\$50,409
Training and Development Specialists	14.09%	76	\$24.67	\$51,325	\$33,272	\$60,351

Occupation	Percent Change	Annual Openings	Avg. Hourly Wage	Avg. Annual Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage
Public Relations Specialists	10.43%	75	\$26.28	\$54,647	\$37,151	\$63,395
Human Resources Specialists	10.08%	73	\$26.70	\$55,525	\$38,530	\$64,024
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	20.57%	71	\$19.79	\$41,157	\$35,227	\$44,122
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	12.57%	67	\$21.24	\$44,176	\$35,045	\$48,743
Management Analysts	17.25%	58	\$34.22	\$71,193	\$46,674	\$83,452
Managers, All Other	14.60%	57	\$44.74	\$93,066	\$61,002	\$109,098
Medical and Health Services Managers	20.58%	57	\$46.37	\$96,458	\$63,181	\$113,097
Dental Assistants	16.67%	56	\$19.47	\$40,508	\$31,888	\$44,817
Loan Officers	29.84%	54	\$39.92	\$83,041	\$47,913	\$100,605
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	18.74%	53	\$24.39	\$50,732	\$33,655	\$59,270
Graphic Designers	3.33%	52	\$20.78	\$43,228	\$28,127	\$50,779
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	20.17%	52	\$25.37	\$52,765	\$40,782	\$58,756
Computer Network Support Specialists	12.41%	51	\$27.28	\$56,753	\$41,229	\$64,516
Financial Managers	24.48%	51	\$65.76	\$136,777	\$71,417	\$169,456
Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	17.44%	51	\$34.10	\$70,924	\$31,846	\$90,463
Administrative Services Managers	12.35%	48	\$42.02	\$87,392	\$51,820	\$105,177
Lawyers	11.41%	48	\$62.42	\$129,832	\$60,869	\$164,313
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	20.82%	46	\$29.27	\$60,881	\$40,652	\$70,995
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	13.85%	46	\$33.90	\$70,516	\$45,711	\$82,918
Software Developers, Systems Software	16.82%	46	\$35.74	\$74,329	\$49,190	\$86,899
Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other	11.18%	44	\$22.03	\$45,819	\$36,856	\$50,301
Computer Systems Analysts	10.43%	44	\$30.99	\$64,444	\$41,474	\$75,929
Cost Estimators	17.97%	42	\$30.69	\$63,829	\$41,329	\$75,079

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Computer and Information Systems Managers	15.88%	40	\$56.08	\$116,639	\$78,918	\$135,500
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	12.46%	40	\$27.42	\$57,037	\$33,292	\$68,910
Insurance Underwriters	-8.05%	39	\$33.13	\$68,923	\$41,738	\$82,514
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	19.02%	39	\$21.84	\$45,435	\$32,578	\$51,864
Civil Engineers	10.61%	38	\$41.44	\$86,181	\$55,813	\$101,365
Public Relations and Fundraising Managers	13.14%	38	\$46.47	\$96,659	\$66,885	\$111,547
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	14.72%	37	\$36.28	\$75,446	\$38,317	\$94,011
Computer Programmers	-2.22%	35	\$35.34	\$73,493	\$45,650	\$87,414
Social and Community Service Managers	15.19%	34	\$33.17	\$68,999	\$53,572	\$76,712
Mental Health Counselors	16.13%	32	\$23.97	\$49,872	\$36,265	\$56,675
Social Science Research Assistants	11.38%	32	\$23.24	\$48,352	\$34,706	\$55,175
Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	1.71%	31	\$28.38	\$59,038	\$43,022	\$67,047
Sales Managers	17.79%	31	\$58.77	\$122,239	\$68,643	\$149,037
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	11.15%	30	\$53.92	\$112,145	\$48,764	\$143,836
Fundraisers	15.32%	30	\$30.86	\$64,190	\$38,807	\$76,882
Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping	4.28%	30	\$19.28	\$40,110	\$28,964	\$45,682
Healthcare Social Workers	16.38%	29	\$22.18	\$46,146	\$34,350	\$52,043
Wholesale and Retail Buyers, Except Farm Products	3.72%	29	\$30.17	\$62,761	\$36,377	\$75,952
Dental Hygienists	17.31%	27	\$32.32	\$67,238	\$47,683	\$77,016
Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health	8.33%	27	\$29.74	\$61,858	\$46,513	\$69,532
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	10.93%	27	N/A	\$92,517	\$47,747	\$114,902
Personal Financial Advisors	31.06%	27	\$59.91	\$124,621	\$54,188	\$159,838
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	17.79%	27	\$20.18	\$41,974	\$34,616	\$45,652

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Physical Therapists	29.46%	26	\$37.24	\$77,449	\$56,354	\$87,997
Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners	10.64%	25	\$21.93	\$45,618	\$32,855	\$52,000
Writers and Authors	4.58%	25	\$25.22	\$52,442	\$30,788	\$63,269
Biological Technicians	14.22%	24	\$18.98	\$39,490	\$27,881	\$45,295
Business Teachers, Postsecondary	10.86%	24	N/A	\$91,204	\$55,129	\$109,240
Electrical Engineers	19.35%	24	\$47.39	\$98,582	\$69,583	\$113,082
Industrial Engineers	28.05%	24	\$40.67	\$84,602	\$66,232	\$93,787
Mechanical Engineers	22.39%	24	\$40.28	\$83,783	\$57,313	\$97,019
Physical Therapist Assistants	32.39%	24	\$22.84	\$47,510	\$30,591	\$55,970
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	6.43%	24	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	19.23%	23	\$22.85	\$47,519	\$29,769	\$56,393
Health Educators	18.18%	23	\$23.75	\$49,384	\$31,054	\$58,550
Sheet Metal Workers	16.67%	23	\$21.80	\$45,339	\$31,068	\$52,474
Web Developers	15.42%	23	\$22.64	\$47,087	\$31,216	\$55,022
Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	11.62%	22	N/A	\$54,047	\$45,732	\$58,204
Marketing Managers	15.45%	22	\$46.51	\$96,745	\$53,858	\$118,190
Computer Occupations, All Other	17.00%	21	\$35.73	\$74,323	\$45,591	\$88,688
Radiologic Technologists	9.39%	21	\$24.62	\$51,205	\$40,958	\$56,327
Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	23.08%	21	\$23.24	\$48,332	\$28,972	\$58,012
Editors	-0.48%	20	\$31.95	\$66,454	\$31,455	\$83,955
Financial Analysts	21.69%	20	\$36.09	\$75,081	\$46,441	\$89,401
Physician Assistants	37.88%	20	\$53.18	\$110,619	\$77,477	\$127,189
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	22.60%	19	\$27.76	\$57,742	\$40,480	\$66,374

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Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	9.89%	19	\$27.26	\$56,714	\$43,761	\$63,190
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	11.47%	19	\$19.83	\$41,240	\$33,207	\$45,256
Pharmacists	5.82%	19	\$57.53	\$119,674	\$108,343	\$125,340
Surgical Technologists	8.88%	19	\$21.72	\$45,184	\$36,183	\$49,684
Database Administrators	12.44%	18	\$33.32	\$69,307	\$41,662	\$83,131
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians	10.58%	18	\$26.87	\$55,894	\$41,852	\$62,916
Industrial Production Managers	13.27%	18	\$47.28	\$98,342	\$66,700	\$114,161
Information Security Analysts	41.33%	18	\$37.42	\$77,846	\$62,150	\$85,694
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	11.11%	18	\$24.59	\$51,145	\$39,051	\$57,192
Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School	10.96%	18	N/A	\$51,084	\$45,116	\$54,069
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	21.09%	18	\$22.17	\$46,120	\$32,218	\$53,071
Credit Analysts	27.01%	17	\$28.29	\$58,831	\$40,105	\$68,194
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	11.11%	17	\$33.06	\$68,762	\$51,823	\$77,231
Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary	11.17%	16	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chemists	24.39%	16	\$38.02	\$79,082	\$50,991	\$93,127
Chief Executives	2.20%	16	\$115.22	\$239,657	\$130,631	\$294,171
Librarians	8.81%	16	\$26.40	\$54,913	\$40,244	\$62,247
Tool and Die Makers	12.24%	16	\$29.53	\$61,437	\$45,448	\$69,431
Agricultural Sciences Teachers, Postsecondary	10.98%	15	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Art Directors	7.43%	15	\$37.09	\$77,147	\$46,936	\$92,253
Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary	10.78%	15	N/A	\$93,332	\$56,343	\$111,826
Education Teachers, Postsecondary	10.98%	15	N/A	\$67,558	\$41,187	\$80,744
Firefighters	5.42%	15	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Instructional Coordinators	11.81%	15	\$26.88	\$55,912	\$39,375	\$64,181
Architectural and Civil Drafters	8.67%	14	\$23.75	\$49,387	\$39,230	\$54,465
Library Technicians	7.14%	14	\$18.65	\$38,776	\$29,602	\$43,363
Nurse Practitioners	30.13%	14	\$44.19	\$91,911	\$75,395	\$100,170
Producers and Directors	10.22%	14	\$23.62	\$49,126	\$29,464	\$58,958
Respiratory Therapists	6.12%	14	\$26.43	\$54,972	\$46,419	\$59,248
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	10.71%	14	N/A	\$54,271	\$45,210	\$58,802
Speech-Language Pathologists	17.53%	14	\$31.01	\$64,495	\$45,349	\$74,068
Chemical Technicians	19.30%	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	11.19%	13	N/A	\$57,961	\$45,298	\$64,292
Precision Instrument and Equipment Repairers, All Other	17.39%	13	\$22.13	\$46,016	\$31,821	\$53,114
Survey Researchers	11.02%	13	\$25.83	\$53,740	\$30,928	\$65,146
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	13.82%	12	\$23.44	\$48,758	\$32,752	\$56,762
Architects, Except Landscape and Naval	8.05%	12	\$38.61	\$80,303	\$51,021	\$94,945
Civil Engineering Technicians	7.26%	12	\$26.56	\$55,256	\$37,651	\$64,057
Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	14.58%	12	\$34.33	\$71,408	\$44,626	\$84,800
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	11.03%	12	N/A	\$98,216	\$72,970	\$110,840
Engineers, All Other	17.39%	12	\$33.46	\$69,585	\$46,797	\$80,979
Human Resources Managers	14.96%	12	\$54.77	\$113,922	\$66,568	\$137,599
Occupational Therapists	19.51%	12	\$41.23	\$85,748	\$62,246	\$97,500
Operations Research Analysts	36.67%	12	\$31.98	\$66,538	\$41,427	\$79,093
Special Education Teachers, Middle School	10.95%	12	N/A	\$51,742	\$44,850	\$55,187
Budget Analysts	7.75%	11	\$30.07	\$62,547	\$44,596	\$71,522

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Dietitians and Nutritionists	15.11%	11	\$23.82	\$49,544	\$38,314	\$55,158
Education Administrators, All Other	10.77%	11	\$48.75	\$101,400	\$86,361	\$108,920
English Language and Literature Teachers, Postsecondary	10.83%	11	N/A	\$76,902	\$49,905	\$90,401
Family and General Practitioners	15.02%	11	\$102.37	\$212,923	\$108,180	\$265,294
Industrial Engineering Technicians	20.21%	11	\$29.96	\$62,304	\$46,723	\$70,094
Statisticians	32.98%	11	\$30.12	\$62,653	\$40,522	\$73,718
Technical Writers	16.48%	11	\$25.99	\$54,058	\$32,743	\$64,715
Audio and Video Equipment Technicians	12.24%	10	\$20.04	\$41,691	\$33,841	\$45,616
Avionics Technicians	9.48%	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Boilermakers	11.11%	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Clergy	11.54%	10	\$21.35	\$44,401	\$32,189	\$50,506
Compensation, Benefits, and Job Analysis Specialists	8.70%	10	\$28.67	\$59,644	\$41,400	\$68,766
Environmental Engineers	12.82%	10	\$38.40	\$79,885	\$51,152	\$94,250
Mechanical Drafters	11.76%	10	\$22.20	\$46,181	\$32,477	\$53,032
Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	15.38%	10	\$136.16	\$283,226	N/A	N/A
Tax Examiners and Collectors, and Revenue Agents	5.74%	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Appraisers and Assessors of Real Estate	15.89%	9	\$35.93	\$74,729	\$51,100	\$86,543
Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	6.67%	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Computer Network Architects	10.32%	9	\$35.37	\$73,559	\$46,680	\$86,998
Engineering Technicians, Except Drafters, All Other	19.48%	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians, All Other	18.18%	9	\$22.47	\$46,738	\$31,785	\$54,216
Rail Car Repairers	18.18%	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers	19.18%	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Social Workers, All Other	10.53%	9	\$27.97	\$58,186	\$43,434	\$65,562
Soil and Plant Scientists	12.35%	9	\$27.89	\$58,012	\$32,559	\$70,738
Veterinarians	22.97%	9	\$34.40	\$71,559	\$44,440	\$85,117
Architectural and Engineering Managers	12.62%	8	\$55.21	\$114,836	\$89,543	\$127,483
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	14.81%	8	\$19.15	\$39,838	\$30,627	\$44,443
Curators	21.88%	8	\$24.72	\$51,421	\$36,949	\$58,657
Dentists, General	16.20%	8	\$101.26	\$210,620	\$107,595	\$262,133
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	8.82%	8	\$30.04	\$62,477	\$41,022	\$73,205
Surveyors	11.76%	8	\$28.74	\$59,782	\$44,814	\$67,266
Actuaries	14.74%	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Electrical and Electronics Drafters	14.49%	7	\$26.56	\$55,258	\$40,014	\$62,880
Massage Therapists	25.49%	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Urban and Regional Planners	17.65%	7	\$35.74	\$74,332	\$55,129	\$83,933
Natural Sciences Managers	21.05%	6	\$51.39	\$106,897	\$70,986	\$124,853