

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	Mid Plains Region					
	Percent Change	Annual Openings	Avg. Hourly Wage	Avg. Annual Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	8.67%	110	\$18.22	\$37,881	\$27,059	\$43,293
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	-2.01%	80	\$17.04	\$35,437	\$24,464	\$40,924
General and Operations Managers	6.12%	65	\$42.84	\$89,113	\$41,093	\$113,123
Registered Nurses	7.23%	56	\$29.37	\$61,096	\$48,299	\$67,494
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	2.61%	45	N/A	\$52,848	\$42,042	\$58,251
Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	7.28%	39	\$18.62	\$38,743	\$26,335	\$44,947
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	2.58%	38	N/A	\$51,840	\$39,311	\$58,106
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	4.10%	31	\$18.41	\$38,282	\$24,981	\$44,932
Managers, All Other	7.41%	30	\$28.26	\$58,780	\$44,958	\$65,692
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	7.39%	29	\$19.34	\$40,244	\$33,358	\$43,686
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	12.13%	28	\$19.28	\$40,089	\$27,722	\$46,273
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	2.46%	27	N/A	\$49,772	\$46,835	\$51,241
Accountants and Auditors	8.02%	26	\$37.37	\$77,740	\$47,192	\$93,013
Electricians	3.65%	26	\$20.97	\$43,619	\$34,624	\$48,116
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	8.09%	18	\$19.14	\$39,817	\$33,571	\$42,939
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	11.03%	18	\$17.40	\$36,204	\$26,871	\$40,871
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	8.52%	17	\$30.11	\$62,646	\$52,454	\$67,741
Dental Assistants	11.11%	16	\$17.23	\$35,847	\$26,942	\$40,301
Loan Officers	12.43%	16	\$36.11	\$75,112	\$42,884	\$91,226

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Business Operations Specialists, All Other	9.09%	15	\$30.21	\$62,847	\$27,964	\$80,288
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	8.66%	14	\$20.56	\$42,766	\$32,357	\$47,970
Machinists	1.42%	14	\$19.58	\$40,714	\$31,505	\$45,319
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	9.30%	13	\$28.26	\$58,785	\$41,536	\$67,409
Rail Car Repairers	7.94%	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Software Developers, Applications	19.18%	13	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	7.48%	12	\$22.74	\$47,312	\$30,708	\$55,614
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	1.49%	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gas Plant Operators	-8.63%	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Medical and Health Services Managers	10.53%	12	\$53.43	\$111,128	\$69,546	\$131,918
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	2.78%	11	\$26.89	\$55,935	\$42,019	\$62,893
Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	3.31%	11	\$21.85	\$45,457	\$28,840	\$53,766
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	2.27%	10	N/A	\$92,456	\$75,599	\$100,885
Soil and Plant Scientists	7.61%	10	\$31.42	\$65,342	\$47,892	\$74,066
Administrative Services Managers	6.93%	9	\$37.27	\$77,511	\$58,376	\$87,080
Compliance Officers	8.99%	9	\$28.89	\$60,093	\$38,039	\$71,121
Construction Managers	6.84%	9	\$43.11	\$89,663	\$61,567	\$103,711
Engineers, All Other	8.94%	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Human Resources Specialists	1.10%	9	\$24.79	\$51,566	\$30,181	\$62,259
Sales Managers	7.95%	9	\$40.97	\$85,220	\$61,319	\$97,170
Electrical and Electronics Installers and Repairers, Transportation Equipment	8.97%	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Financial Managers	13.95%	8	\$67.54	\$140,481	\$70,325	\$175,559
Occupational Therapists	32.10%	8	\$31.68	\$65,890	\$45,613	\$76,028

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Paralegals and Legal Assistants	12.86%	8	\$21.07	\$43,834	\$34,906	\$48,297
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	-5.43%	8	\$21.26	\$44,210	\$33,951	\$49,341
Computer User Support Specialists	4.60%	7	\$19.67	\$40,926	\$27,705	\$47,536
Lawyers	5.11%	7	\$36.01	\$74,888	\$50,943	\$86,860
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	9.30%	7	\$20.60	\$42,857	\$33,084	\$47,744
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	9.68%	7	\$17.36	\$36,107	\$25,460	\$41,432
Physical Therapists	24.77%	7	\$35.09	\$72,993	\$32,266	\$93,357
Radiologic Technologists	9.80%	7	\$24.64	\$51,252	\$40,832	\$56,462
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	-2.90%	7	\$29.42	\$61,194	\$38,357	\$72,611
Training and Development Specialists	5.41%	7	\$24.73	\$51,442	\$33,143	\$60,592
Agricultural and Food Science Technicians	5.45%	6	\$18.83	\$39,175	\$30,881	\$43,323
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	21.05%	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School	2.25%	6	N/A	\$50,996	\$37,427	\$57,781
Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	-1.33%	6	\$25.03	\$52,059	\$39,324	\$58,427
Dental Hygienists	13.43%	6	\$34.25	\$71,226	\$59,124	\$77,279
Labor Relations Specialists	0.00%	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	5.71%	6	\$22.89	\$47,610	\$34,623	\$54,104
Agricultural Inspectors	5.56%	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other	4.55%	5	\$18.96	\$39,454	\$32,940	\$42,711
Conservation Scientists	5.36%	5	\$26.85	\$55,843	\$35,297	\$66,115
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	23.68%	5	\$22.90	\$47,623	\$27,547	\$57,660
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	8.11%	5	\$29.52	\$61,384	\$47,053	\$68,549
Medical Transcriptionists	2.08%	5	\$15.63	\$32,503	\$27,851	\$34,830

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Pharmacists	1.75%	5	\$57.52	\$119,634	\$109,047	\$124,927
Social and Community Service Managers	8.51%	5	\$27.99	\$58,223	\$33,352	\$70,658
Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School	1.41%	5	N/A	\$56,265	\$49,482	\$59,655
Computer Network Support Specialists	1.92%	4	\$18.95	\$39,428	\$24,214	\$47,036
Family and General Practitioners	7.22%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Financial Analysts	6.38%	4	\$31.71	\$65,963	\$54,304	\$71,791
Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	2.44%	4	N/A	\$46,713	\$36,996	\$51,571
Management Analysts	8.89%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	6.06%	4	\$32.26	\$67,103	\$44,309	\$78,501
Nurse Practitioners	28.26%	4	\$45.24	\$94,097	\$65,246	\$108,523
Physical Therapist Assistants	21.43%	4	\$24.26	\$50,463	\$44,087	\$53,652
Physician Assistants	24.49%	4	\$50.43	\$104,907	\$77,816	\$118,452
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	2.78%	4	\$20.40	\$42,444	\$24,151	\$51,590
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	1.72%	4	N/A	\$52,911	\$39,832	\$59,451
Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary	3.08%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chemical Technicians	3.70%	3	\$22.98	\$47,798	\$34,953	\$54,219
Civil Engineers	2.78%	3	\$37.03	\$77,033	\$56,730	\$87,185
Computer and Information Systems Managers	9.09%	3	\$57.11	\$118,790	\$62,879	\$146,746
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	2.00%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians	2.94%	3	\$23.58	\$49,051	\$35,682	\$55,735
Forest and Conservation Technicians	5.00%	3	\$18.34	\$38,132	\$28,335	\$43,030
Healthcare Social Workers	3.33%	3	\$21.96	\$45,662	\$36,144	\$50,421
Human Resources Managers	3.33%	3	\$42.77	\$88,960	\$66,615	\$100,132

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Occupational Therapy Assistants	40.00%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public Relations Specialists	10.34%	3	\$18.37	\$38,202	\$27,804	\$43,401
Radio, Cellular, and Tower Equipment Installers and Repairers	13.79%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	14.71%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Veterinarians	13.95%	3	\$37.41	\$77,816	\$75,921	\$78,762
Computer Occupations, All Other	10.34%	2	\$21.13	\$43,952	\$28,130	\$51,863
Health Educators	17.65%	2	\$27.62	\$57,463	\$23,200	\$74,593
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	30.77%	2	\$22.29	\$46,377	\$46,374	\$46,378
Respiratory Therapists	8.57%	2	\$25.71	\$53,486	\$43,075	\$58,692