

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	Northeast Region					
	Percent Change	Annual Openings	Avg. Hourly Wage	Avg. Annual Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	12.11%	492	\$21.14	\$43,978	\$31,798	\$50,069
General and Operations Managers	9.10%	138	\$44.90	\$93,383	\$39,189	\$120,480
Registered Nurses	8.43%	137	\$27.72	\$57,646	\$43,543	\$64,697
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	7.04%	125	N/A	\$55,585	\$40,875	\$62,940
Machinists	16.49%	92	\$17.64	\$36,681	\$26,036	\$42,003
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	7.03%	86	N/A	\$55,093	\$39,856	\$62,712
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	17.85%	76	\$21.35	\$44,414	\$34,272	\$49,484
Electricians	9.74%	73	\$20.71	\$43,075	\$32,320	\$48,452
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	11.41%	69	\$20.16	\$41,934	\$35,356	\$45,224
Accountants and Auditors	9.82%	65	\$30.81	\$64,093	\$42,421	\$74,930
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	4.58%	65	\$18.13	\$37,707	\$28,657	\$42,232
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	6.25%	60	\$22.78	\$47,390	\$31,684	\$55,243
Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	11.62%	55	\$21.19	\$44,081	\$29,286	\$51,477
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	12.20%	48	\$18.49	\$38,462	\$26,957	\$44,214
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	7.01%	42	N/A	\$62,166	\$45,633	\$70,432
Loan Officers	12.86%	40	\$34.99	\$72,795	\$42,629	\$87,878
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	13.03%	39	\$19.34	\$40,233	\$32,538	\$44,081
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	12.23%	37	\$20.57	\$42,776	\$28,004	\$50,162
Medical and Health Services Managers	11.97%	32	\$42.52	\$88,440	\$58,267	\$103,528

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Business Operations Specialists, All Other	7.28%	30	\$35.28	\$73,393	\$39,917	\$90,131
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	7.91%	29	\$31.48	\$65,476	\$51,585	\$72,422
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	16.94%	29	\$17.48	\$36,367	\$24,679	\$42,211
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	21.93%	29	\$28.67	\$59,634	\$35,413	\$71,744
Wind Turbine Service Technicians	84.13%	28	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Human Resources Specialists	4.73%	27	\$25.89	\$53,852	\$39,808	\$60,875
Dental Assistants	11.29%	23	\$17.63	\$36,665	\$29,015	\$40,490
Postsecondary Teachers, All Other	6.84%	22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	7.17%	21	N/A	\$98,104	\$78,285	\$108,013
Training and Development Specialists	12.44%	21	\$28.23	\$58,717	\$38,546	\$68,802
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	9.30%	20	\$27.30	\$56,779	\$39,590	\$65,374
Agricultural Inspectors	4.55%	19	\$23.07	\$47,971	\$38,532	\$52,691
Financial Managers	16.59%	19	\$52.01	\$108,168	\$74,638	\$124,933
Healthcare Social Workers	12.10%	19	\$20.32	\$42,273	\$31,689	\$47,565
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	7.69%	19	\$32.95	\$68,539	\$31,932	\$86,844
Compliance Officers	8.81%	18	\$27.78	\$57,788	\$39,796	\$66,784
Electrical Engineers	-3.01%	18	\$41.66	\$86,665	\$56,954	\$101,520
Construction Managers	8.02%	17	\$52.33	\$108,835	\$49,056	\$138,725
Industrial Engineers	22.10%	17	\$42.07	\$87,507	\$66,024	\$98,249
Mental Health Counselors	20.00%	17	\$22.89	\$47,620	\$32,730	\$55,065
Soil and Plant Scientists	5.00%	17	\$34.08	\$70,895	\$31,570	\$90,558
Buyers and Purchasing Agents, Farm Products	-0.75%	15	\$34.43	\$71,625	\$31,801	\$91,536
Computer User Support Specialists	7.33%	15	\$23.36	\$48,572	\$31,006	\$57,355

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Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	7.09%	15	N/A	\$54,866	\$41,559	\$61,520
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	6.39%	15	\$19.54	\$40,653	\$29,998	\$45,980
Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School	6.74%	15	N/A	\$55,638	\$44,718	\$61,098
Agricultural and Food Science Technicians	7.32%	14	\$33.29	\$69,239	\$59,201	\$74,258
Clergy	14.71%	14	\$20.97	\$43,624	\$30,592	\$50,140
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	23.28%	14	\$24.08	\$50,085	\$44,406	\$52,925
Graphic Designers	4.90%	14	\$18.25	\$37,961	\$25,990	\$43,946
Managers, All Other	3.65%	14	\$31.59	\$65,725	\$38,779	\$79,198
Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	0.00%	14	\$26.12	\$54,326	\$36,826	\$63,076
Radiologic Technologists	7.91%	14	\$27.04	\$56,248	\$41,028	\$63,859
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	-7.07%	14	\$18.85	\$39,200	\$27,469	\$45,065
Cost Estimators	8.55%	13	\$27.97	\$58,181	\$39,691	\$67,426
Dental Hygienists	12.22%	13	\$33.37	\$69,409	\$56,936	\$75,645
Industrial Production Managers	11.03%	13	\$40.25	\$83,731	\$45,469	\$102,862
Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	12.71%	13	\$40.16	\$83,524	\$29,125	\$110,725
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	6.59%	13	N/A	\$61,018	\$49,618	\$66,718
Administrative Services Managers	10.14%	12	\$37.52	\$78,027	\$51,439	\$91,321
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	7.19%	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sales Managers	9.09%	12	\$51.08	\$106,248	\$57,984	\$130,380
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	12.26%	12	\$20.02	\$41,644	\$32,882	\$46,025
Chief Executives	-3.87%	11	\$109.64	\$228,061	\$126,853	\$278,665
Millwrights	11.22%	11	\$24.69	\$51,355	\$37,208	\$58,429
Physical Therapist Assistants	17.28%	11	\$25.09	\$52,188	\$42,441	\$57,061

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Public Relations Specialists	10.75%	11	\$22.82	\$47,461	\$29,862	\$56,261
Adult Basic and Secondary Education and Literacy Teachers and Instructors	9.09%	10	\$21.94	\$45,633	\$24,274	\$56,312
Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School	6.92%	10	N/A	\$56,708	\$44,417	\$62,853
Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other	6.25%	10	\$19.30	\$40,147	\$34,381	\$43,030
Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping	0.00%	10	\$18.33	\$38,117	\$29,275	\$42,538
Morticians, Undertakers, and Funeral Directors	-5.62%	10	\$25.06	\$52,126	\$40,943	\$57,716
Pharmacists	2.70%	10	\$55.13	\$114,687	\$101,210	\$121,426
Physical Therapists	20.75%	10	\$41.78	\$86,897	\$63,781	\$98,454
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	7.69%	10	\$24.43	\$50,810	\$36,782	\$57,825
Business Teachers, Postsecondary	6.67%	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Civil Engineers	8.93%	9	\$38.55	\$80,165	\$53,518	\$93,489
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	6.54%	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Lawyers	6.45%	9	\$40.44	\$84,114	\$48,608	\$101,867
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	10.26%	9	\$21.79	\$45,338	\$32,876	\$51,569
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	5.22%	9	\$28.93	\$60,181	\$47,174	\$66,685
Medical Transcriptionists	1.28%	9	\$18.08	\$37,603	\$31,625	\$40,591
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	7.38%	9	\$33.14	\$68,923	\$46,730	\$80,018
Speech-Language Pathologists	8.70%	9	\$34.43	\$71,609	\$47,900	\$83,464
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	0.00%	9	\$28.75	\$59,802	\$41,692	\$68,858
Nurse Practitioners	24.76%	8	\$48.31	\$100,481	\$82,328	\$109,557
Wholesale and Retail Buyers, Except Farm Products	-1.32%	8	\$23.08	\$48,005	\$31,999	\$56,009
Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	2.41%	7	\$30.77	\$64,018	\$47,632	\$72,212
Family and General Practitioners	8.24%	7	\$139.37	\$289,895	N/A	N/A

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Farm and Home Management Advisors	9.84%	7	\$30.88	\$64,246	\$44,287	\$74,226
Industrial Engineering Technicians	8.00%	7	\$26.04	\$54,172	\$41,523	\$60,497
Marketing Managers	10.77%	7	\$42.15	\$87,673	\$44,252	\$109,384
Mechanical Drafters	12.82%	7	\$22.43	\$46,647	\$35,260	\$52,341
Mechanical Engineers	6.73%	7	\$32.93	\$68,493	\$54,138	\$75,670
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	14.81%	7	\$19.82	\$41,222	\$31,664	\$46,002
Personal Financial Advisors	18.46%	7	\$32.82	\$68,267	\$32,761	\$86,020
Physician Assistants	23.75%	7	\$49.98	\$103,953	\$84,280	\$113,790
Rehabilitation Counselors	20.97%	7	\$18.72	\$38,927	\$32,198	\$42,292
Social and Community Service Managers	11.43%	7	\$28.90	\$60,116	\$38,025	\$71,160
Tool and Die Makers	4.05%	7	\$23.20	\$48,251	\$37,410	\$53,672
Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	8.11%	6	\$42.47	\$88,345	\$55,768	\$104,633
Computer Systems Analysts	4.30%	6	\$39.10	\$81,324	\$57,763	\$93,103
Engineering Technicians, Except Drafters, All Other	16.67%	6	\$22.61	\$47,023	\$32,074	\$54,497
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	7.69%	6	\$29.78	\$61,957	\$39,865	\$73,004
Software Developers, Applications	15.15%	6	\$43.63	\$90,749	\$64,147	\$104,050
Veterinarians	16.53%	6	\$37.13	\$77,213	\$57,868	\$86,885
Dietitians and Nutritionists	16.42%	5	\$27.53	\$57,260	\$46,260	\$62,761
Health Educators	11.43%	5	\$27.69	\$57,589	\$36,838	\$67,965
Instructional Coordinators	7.27%	5	\$34.72	\$72,223	\$50,160	\$83,254
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	15.79%	5	\$19.41	\$40,371	\$31,722	\$44,695
Medical Equipment Repairers	25.00%	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Occupational Therapists	11.54%	5	\$38.65	\$80,379	\$67,956	\$86,591

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Radio, Cellular, and Tower Equipment Installers and Repairers	8.70%	5	\$25.94	\$53,970	\$42,777	\$59,566
Respiratory Therapists	6.98%	5	\$25.37	\$52,764	\$44,734	\$56,779
Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	15.79%	5	\$20.68	\$43,028	\$33,315	\$47,884
Chemists	21.21%	4	\$35.39	\$73,606	\$48,485	\$86,166
Computer Occupations, All Other	17.95%	4	\$22.35	\$46,490	\$25,954	\$56,758
Dentists, General	11.02%	4	\$63.25	\$131,564	\$85,740	\$154,475
Operations Research Analysts	17.50%	4	\$39.12	\$81,368	\$51,232	\$96,435
Public Relations and Fundraising Managers	11.36%	4	\$43.17	\$89,790	\$56,148	\$106,612
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	26.47%	4	\$19.26	\$40,059	\$32,052	\$44,062
Arbitrators, Mediators, and Conciliators	27.27%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chemical Engineers	26.67%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A