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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	Omaha Consortium					
	Percent Change	Annual Openings	Avg. Hourly Wage	Avg. Annual Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	8.85%	1,510	\$21.05	\$43,792	\$34,615	\$48,380
Registered Nurses	17.15%	855	\$31.02	\$64,518	\$51,187	\$71,183
General and Operations Managers	13.22%	759	\$54.02	\$112,368	\$52,283	\$142,410
Accountants and Auditors	15.47%	623	\$34.96	\$72,726	\$45,384	\$86,397
Carpenters	14.64%	606	\$19.73	\$41,032	\$29,141	\$46,977
Electricians	15.68%	371	\$24.95	\$51,889	\$32,449	\$61,608
Software Developers, Applications	32.64%	351	\$45.29	\$94,211	\$65,909	\$108,361
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	9.24%	337	N/A	\$59,114	\$43,475	\$66,935
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	14.42%	317	\$37.32	\$77,620	\$50,458	\$91,201
Human Resources Specialists	12.91%	298	\$30.92	\$64,300	\$40,805	\$76,047
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	24.79%	278	\$30.87	\$64,207	\$41,277	\$75,672
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	21.32%	269	\$29.74	\$61,850	\$40,344	\$72,604
Management Analysts	18.26%	247	\$42.28	\$87,943	\$58,974	\$102,428
Computer Systems Analysts	11.70%	229	\$38.82	\$80,759	\$53,726	\$94,276
Computer User Support Specialists	15.57%	226	\$24.75	\$51,490	\$33,257	\$60,606
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	7.62%	220	\$20.73	\$43,117	\$24,989	\$52,181
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	9.18%	213	N/A	\$58,987	\$43,591	\$66,686
Financial Analysts	13.98%	204	\$36.94	\$76,831	\$53,072	\$88,711
Managers, All Other	11.81%	189	\$59.09	\$122,910	\$75,781	\$146,475

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Construction Managers	15.81%	180	\$52.90	\$110,024	\$60,882	\$134,596
Financial Managers	22.46%	179	\$73.24	\$152,342	\$85,576	\$185,726
Medical and Health Services Managers	23.86%	179	\$54.26	\$112,872	\$72,406	\$133,104
Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	11.00%	176	\$40.14	\$83,486	\$38,204	\$106,126
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	21.48%	174	\$20.35	\$42,342	\$34,587	\$46,219
Training and Development Specialists	18.62%	160	\$28.31	\$58,876	\$34,693	\$70,968
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	9.11%	158	N/A	\$58,612	\$43,667	\$66,084
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	9.99%	156	\$38.33	\$79,721	\$56,495	\$91,334
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	22.65%	153	\$21.15	\$43,993	\$35,655	\$48,163
Software Developers, Systems Software	19.19%	151	\$44.19	\$91,913	\$64,198	\$105,771
Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	-0.17%	146	\$27.71	\$57,641	\$39,125	\$66,900
Compliance Officers	16.26%	143	\$33.49	\$69,643	\$42,908	\$83,010
Loan Officers	24.96%	143	\$41.58	\$86,480	\$45,258	\$107,091
Computer Programmers	-1.26%	139	\$38.95	\$81,006	\$52,374	\$95,323
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	10.13%	139	\$39.64	\$82,447	\$40,279	\$103,531
Graphic Designers	11.78%	133	\$24.28	\$50,499	\$32,827	\$59,336
Sales Managers	11.02%	127	\$55.50	\$115,444	\$63,790	\$141,272
Computer and Information Systems Managers	15.24%	126	\$61.59	\$128,102	\$84,767	\$149,771
Lawyers	17.11%	124	\$54.00	\$112,332	\$59,461	\$138,767
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	23.60%	121	\$24.95	\$51,888	\$33,933	\$60,865
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	11.60%	110	\$23.04	\$47,938	\$36,499	\$53,657
Administrative Services Managers	15.18%	106	\$48.68	\$101,246	\$61,811	\$120,965
Public Relations Specialists	11.87%	105	\$28.22	\$58,691	\$31,806	\$72,133

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Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	9.15%	103	N/A	\$99,936	\$54,836	\$122,487
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	24.15%	103	\$24.25	\$50,434	\$32,264	\$59,520
Insurance Underwriters	-5.48%	100	\$29.94	\$62,268	\$39,295	\$73,755
Personal Financial Advisors	22.35%	100	\$57.26	\$119,105	\$43,397	\$156,959
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	10.67%	99	\$27.81	\$57,835	\$39,361	\$67,072
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	8.02%	99	\$23.78	\$49,455	\$35,761	\$56,301
Computer Occupations, All Other	15.45%	95	\$38.87	\$80,857	\$55,974	\$93,299
Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	-1.31%	95	\$32.06	\$66,681	\$44,335	\$77,855
Marketing Managers	11.69%	91	\$55.49	\$115,418	\$60,687	\$142,783
Computer Network Architects	14.04%	87	\$45.36	\$94,367	\$59,442	\$111,830
Postsecondary Teachers, All Other	9.19%	87	N/A	\$59,895	\$29,470	\$75,108
Computer Network Support Specialists	14.32%	79	\$29.14	\$60,609	\$39,144	\$71,341
Civil Engineers	18.46%	78	\$39.85	\$82,890	\$57,861	\$95,405
Mental Health Counselors	28.57%	78	\$25.04	\$52,088	\$36,558	\$59,853
Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping	5.21%	76	\$19.10	\$39,738	\$29,373	\$44,921
Cost Estimators	13.54%	74	\$30.29	\$63,018	\$42,300	\$73,376
Healthcare Social Workers	22.34%	73	\$23.49	\$48,861	\$34,795	\$55,894
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	15.72%	72	\$27.96	\$58,172	\$43,125	\$65,696
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	9.40%	69	N/A	\$99,259	\$77,642	\$110,068
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	18.80%	69	\$19.68	\$40,953	\$28,738	\$47,062
Pharmacists	9.37%	69	\$50.69	\$105,437	\$70,617	\$122,848
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	19.08%	66	\$20.25	\$42,130	\$31,564	\$47,413
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	8.17%	64	\$21.62	\$44,961	\$27,021	\$53,930

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Health Educators	23.34%	64	\$23.17	\$48,193	\$30,232	\$57,173
Interpreters and Translators	20.29%	64	\$21.70	\$45,136	\$32,256	\$51,575
Database Administrators	16.32%	63	\$42.26	\$87,890	\$58,156	\$102,757
Radiologic Technologists	17.45%	62	\$26.05	\$54,189	\$39,375	\$61,597
Operations Research Analysts	29.81%	61	\$36.57	\$76,064	\$50,943	\$88,624
Physical Therapists	29.62%	59	\$36.23	\$75,369	\$52,819	\$86,644
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	4.04%	59	\$30.42	\$63,262	\$42,449	\$73,669
Architects, Except Landscape and Naval	12.71%	57	\$37.59	\$78,195	\$50,866	\$91,860
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	15.92%	57	\$28.31	\$58,884	\$50,907	\$62,873
Information Security Analysts	39.62%	57	\$37.04	\$77,051	\$50,618	\$90,269
Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	10.76%	57	\$71.22	\$148,143	\$58,835	\$192,797
Web Developers	17.08%	56	\$33.49	\$69,657	\$44,485	\$82,242
Nurse Practitioners	22.28%	54	\$47.42	\$98,629	\$76,720	\$109,583
Sheet Metal Workers	16.67%	54	\$27.46	\$57,118	\$33,709	\$68,823
Fundraisers	17.73%	52	\$31.06	\$64,619	\$42,571	\$75,644
Food Scientists and Technologists	14.86%	51	\$34.92	\$72,615	\$49,391	\$84,227
Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	9.15%	51	N/A	\$60,242	\$45,291	\$67,716
Social and Community Service Managers	23.11%	51	\$29.37	\$61,098	\$37,989	\$72,654
Wholesale and Retail Buyers, Except Farm Products	1.10%	51	\$28.96	\$60,241	\$41,323	\$69,700
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	8.95%	50	\$52.41	\$109,022	\$63,211	\$131,928
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	11.52%	50	\$25.26	\$52,548	\$37,248	\$60,197
Physical Therapist Assistants	36.59%	50	\$23.68	\$49,248	\$30,458	\$58,642
Industrial Engineers	17.66%	49	\$44.32	\$92,178	\$61,945	\$107,294

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Logisticians	13.37%	49	\$35.61	\$74,059	\$52,896	\$84,640
Human Resources Managers	14.35%	48	\$57.59	\$119,777	\$80,177	\$139,576
Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners	15.92%	46	\$20.94	\$43,552	\$28,371	\$51,143
Public Relations and Fundraising Managers	11.70%	45	\$49.52	\$102,997	\$57,687	\$125,651
Stationary Engineers and Boiler Operators	10.79%	45	\$23.04	\$47,920	\$39,795	\$51,983
Writers and Authors	11.75%	45	\$28.29	\$58,846	\$33,540	\$71,499
Buyers and Purchasing Agents, Farm Products	-2.32%	43	\$35.74	\$74,340	\$49,641	\$86,689
Electrical Engineers	22.01%	43	\$41.44	\$86,181	\$62,541	\$98,001
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	10.20%	43	\$24.72	\$51,400	\$39,669	\$57,267
Chief Executives	1.75%	42	\$111.03	\$230,933	\$112,849	\$289,975
Compensation, Benefits, and Job Analysis Specialists	18.06%	41	\$31.32	\$65,146	\$43,116	\$76,160
Occupational Therapists	25.72%	41	\$37.19	\$77,354	\$55,191	\$88,435
Physician Assistants	31.46%	41	\$45.86	\$95,387	\$70,847	\$107,657
Respiratory Therapists	18.59%	41	\$25.96	\$53,983	\$45,149	\$58,400
Engineers, All Other	14.59%	39	\$37.97	\$78,984	\$36,175	\$100,389
Mechanical Engineers	21.23%	39	\$39.78	\$82,751	\$58,802	\$94,726
Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School	9.17%	38	N/A	\$61,279	\$46,682	\$68,578
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	17.11%	38	\$26.30	\$54,709	\$43,442	\$60,341
Architectural and Civil Drafters	16.37%	37	\$22.87	\$47,572	\$32,537	\$55,090
Chemists	19.88%	37	\$35.92	\$74,712	\$41,485	\$91,326
Firefighters	10.50%	37	\$30.17	\$62,759	\$57,323	\$65,477
Librarians	9.58%	37	\$30.78	\$64,034	\$47,976	\$72,063
Adult Basic and Secondary Education and Literacy Teachers and Instructors	10.92%	36	\$28.49	\$59,260	\$35,023	\$71,379

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Audio and Video Equipment Technicians	15.00%	36	\$21.25	\$44,189	\$29,543	\$51,511
Computer Hardware Engineers	22.45%	35	\$40.87	\$85,011	\$61,715	\$96,659
Art Directors	12.22%	34	\$38.02	\$79,090	\$46,162	\$95,553
Credit Analysts	15.22%	34	\$38.48	\$80,046	\$48,275	\$95,933
Dental Hygienists	19.35%	34	\$34.27	\$71,278	\$64,745	\$74,543
Industrial Production Managers	8.53%	34	\$47.37	\$98,521	\$62,469	\$116,548
Instructional Coordinators	12.58%	34	\$30.14	\$62,704	\$41,752	\$73,179
Speech-Language Pathologists	16.60%	33	\$33.88	\$70,464	\$51,646	\$79,872
Surgical Technologists	14.03%	33	\$21.55	\$44,806	\$36,486	\$48,967
Graduate Teaching Assistants	8.99%	32	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	16.12%	31	\$26.35	\$54,804	\$34,604	\$64,906
Glaziers	18.52%	31	\$21.13	\$43,951	\$31,955	\$49,948
Purchasing Managers	11.85%	31	\$54.70	\$113,762	\$78,878	\$131,205
Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	9.25%	30	N/A	\$72,691	\$52,467	\$82,802
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	9.27%	29	N/A	\$61,347	\$43,831	\$70,105
Architectural and Engineering Managers	13.89%	28	\$66.17	\$137,640	\$99,334	\$156,793
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	21.88%	28	\$32.88	\$68,386	\$57,688	\$73,734
Family and General Practitioners	13.02%	28	\$101.00	\$210,076	\$145,856	\$242,185
Dietitians and Nutritionists	20.06%	27	\$28.55	\$59,379	\$45,432	\$66,352
Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other	10.20%	26	\$21.12	\$43,939	\$35,218	\$48,299
Technical Writers	19.63%	26	\$30.53	\$63,516	\$42,321	\$74,114
Actuaries	20.70%	25	\$46.08	\$95,865	\$62,636	\$112,480
Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	16.44%	25	\$39.34	\$81,814	\$53,797	\$95,822

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Clergy	16.00%	24	\$25.76	\$53,591	\$32,880	\$63,946
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	21.78%	24	\$31.46	\$65,437	\$48,299	\$74,006
Producers and Directors	15.71%	23	\$26.19	\$54,481	\$31,618	\$65,913
Radio, Cellular, and Tower Equipment Installers and Repairers	17.68%	22	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Boilermakers	11.98%	21	\$28.45	\$59,175	\$44,826	\$66,349
Farm and Home Management Advisors	9.18%	21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Rehabilitation Counselors	17.79%	21	\$23.87	\$49,658	\$32,456	\$58,260
Training and Development Managers	14.87%	21	\$47.09	\$97,948	\$65,170	\$114,337
Appraisers and Assessors of Real Estate	22.44%	20	\$25.37	\$52,768	\$24,740	\$66,783
Civil Engineering Technicians	19.34%	20	\$22.33	\$46,443	\$30,049	\$54,641
Environmental Engineers	17.11%	20	\$41.66	\$86,665	\$63,330	\$98,332
Interior Designers	8.85%	20	\$24.18	\$50,301	\$28,131	\$61,386
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	12.66%	20	\$34.55	\$71,863	\$46,604	\$84,493
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	12.36%	19	\$23.14	\$48,123	\$35,481	\$54,443
Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	16.59%	19	\$24.24	\$50,419	\$32,024	\$59,616
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	10.49%	19	\$23.67	\$49,225	\$32,718	\$57,479
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	8.59%	19	\$20.91	\$43,493	\$36,900	\$46,789
Special Education Teachers, Middle School	9.28%	19	N/A	\$59,627	\$45,707	\$66,586
Business Teachers, Postsecondary	9.09%	18	N/A	\$83,524	\$49,032	\$100,770
Financial Examiners	15.22%	18	\$50.27	\$104,571	\$57,052	\$128,331
Financial Specialists, All Other	12.63%	18	\$34.55	\$71,863	\$44,851	\$85,368
Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians, All Other	15.50%	18	\$26.38	\$54,868	\$36,160	\$64,222
Occupational Therapy Assistants	39.39%	18	\$26.98	\$56,119	\$35,516	\$66,421

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Budget Analysts	15.14%	17	\$30.28	\$62,989	\$35,913	\$76,526
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians	10.71%	17	\$28.23	\$58,713	\$42,686	\$66,727
Environmental Engineering Technicians	25.53%	17	\$22.37	\$46,520	\$29,868	\$54,848
Mechanical Drafters	13.17%	17	\$26.31	\$54,729	\$41,083	\$61,552
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	12.28%	16	\$26.50	\$55,115	\$38,777	\$63,285
Dentists, General	18.71%	16	\$78.90	\$164,108	\$109,504	\$191,410
Veterinarians	29.24%	16	\$41.06	\$85,389	\$66,370	\$94,898
Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health	19.53%	15	\$25.53	\$53,102	\$33,879	\$62,713
Social Scientists and Related Workers, All Other	13.77%	15	\$38.83	\$80,768	\$60,376	\$90,964
Urban and Regional Planners	17.65%	14	\$35.88	\$74,628	\$54,986	\$84,450
Chiropractors	12.28%	11	\$29.78	\$61,954	\$38,889	\$73,486
Statisticians	33.66%	11	\$32.09	\$66,752	\$43,994	\$78,130