

### 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	Panhandle Region					
	Percent Change	Annual Openings	Avg. Hourly Wage	Avg. Annual Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	1.39%	93	\$17.09	\$35,544	\$22,870	\$41,881
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	-7.47%	75	\$17.13	\$35,634	\$24,163	\$41,370
Registered Nurses	13.09%	63	\$29.64	\$61,650	\$47,862	\$68,543
General and Operations Managers	0.00%	61	\$38.21	\$79,486	\$44,755	\$96,851
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	0.13%	53	N/A	\$53,904	\$41,843	\$59,935
Electricians	10.51%	35	\$22.31	\$46,400	\$32,240	\$53,480
Accountants and Auditors	-2.84%	32	\$33.45	\$69,591	\$41,991	\$83,392
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	7.18%	31	\$19.42	\$40,390	\$34,553	\$43,308
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	7.22%	30	\$22.69	\$47,206	\$34,622	\$53,498
Carpenters	5.91%	25	\$18.00	\$37,438	\$25,376	\$43,469
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	4.00%	25	\$31.74	\$66,005	\$47,345	\$75,334
Managers, All Other	7.96%	25	\$65.24	\$135,696	\$54,771	\$176,159
Rail Car Repairers	14.29%	24	\$21.23	\$44,159	\$34,476	\$49,000
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	0.00%	23	N/A	\$53,037	\$39,204	\$59,955
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	7.73%	21	\$20.07	\$41,733	\$31,583	\$46,808
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	3.07%	16	\$20.83	\$43,314	\$35,740	\$47,100
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	7.30%	16	\$27.89	\$58,018	\$35,072	\$69,492
Dental Assistants	-3.52%	15	\$15.89	\$33,050	\$24,689	\$37,232
Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	-8.88%	13	\$21.09	\$43,871	\$28,281	\$51,666

Occupation	Percent Change	Annual Openings	Avg. Hourly Wage	Avg. Annual Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	14.95%	12	\$20.28	\$42,183	\$33,753	\$46,399
Machinists	10.38%	12	\$19.97	\$41,543	\$35,469	\$44,579
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	12.62%	12	\$16.55	\$34,424	\$27,243	\$38,014
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	0.87%	11	\$36.41	\$75,729	\$47,673	\$89,757
Human Resources Specialists	-10.79%	11	\$23.23	\$48,323	\$38,044	\$53,462
Medical and Health Services Managers	13.27%	11	\$41.53	\$86,374	\$60,728	\$99,197
Software Developers, Applications	22.41%	11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction Managers	5.84%	10	\$38.40	\$79,865	\$58,308	\$90,645
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	0.72%	10	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Public Relations Specialists	0.00%	10	\$24.31	\$50,560	\$33,812	\$58,935
Financial Managers	3.48%	9	\$38.05	\$79,133	\$37,474	\$99,962
Loan Officers	5.88%	9	\$31.91	\$66,363	\$39,296	\$79,897
Physical Therapists	7.34%	9	\$35.03	\$72,857	\$59,637	\$79,468
Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	-0.99%	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	0.00%	8	N/A	\$53,447	\$40,507	\$59,917
Sales Managers	3.96%	8	\$46.64	\$97,007	\$63,686	\$113,668
Editors	42.50%	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	0.00%	7	N/A	\$90,799	\$70,665	\$100,865
Electrical and Electronics Installers and Repairers, Transportation Equipment	11.67%	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	9.28%	7	\$17.06	\$35,478	\$25,920	\$40,257
Engineers, All Other	11.36%	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	21.43%	7	\$18.94	\$39,392	\$28,535	\$44,821
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	0.98%	7	N/A	\$61,765	\$48,773	\$68,260

Occupation	Percent Change	Annual Openings	Avg. Hourly Wage	Avg. Annual Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage
Radiologic Technologists	14.14%	7	\$25.44	\$52,928	\$38,677	\$60,053
Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School	0.00%	7	N/A	\$51,958	\$39,169	\$58,352
Computer User Support Specialists	3.49%	6	\$19.23	\$39,992	\$28,624	\$45,675
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	2.99%	6	\$33.87	\$70,442	\$52,926	\$79,200
Environmental Engineering Technicians	17.78%	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	11.76%	6	\$19.92	\$41,444	\$27,477	\$48,427
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	2.90%	6	\$19.75	\$41,082	\$33,493	\$44,876
Morticians, Undertakers, and Funeral Directors	-2.00%	6	\$33.66	\$70,017	\$60,048	\$75,001
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	6.35%	6	\$20.65	\$42,947	\$26,115	\$51,364
Administrative Services Managers	5.08%	5	\$36.80	\$76,548	\$52,987	\$88,328
Appraisers and Assessors of Real Estate	15.38%	5	\$20.87	\$43,407	\$30,103	\$50,060
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	6.12%	5	\$31.49	\$65,494	\$33,303	\$81,591
Health Educators	2.86%	5	\$20.25	\$42,120	\$32,846	\$46,757
Healthcare Social Workers	11.36%	5	\$21.66	\$45,052	\$34,777	\$50,189
Lawyers	3.28%	5	\$47.78	\$99,378	\$49,338	\$124,398
Librarians	1.82%	5	\$22.09	\$45,943	\$27,920	\$54,954
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	15.07%	5	\$18.22	\$37,912	\$23,848	\$44,945
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	12.70%	5	\$30.11	\$62,641	\$43,480	\$72,222
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	15.94%	5	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pharmacists	3.31%	5	\$59.71	\$124,192	\$106,321	\$133,127
Social and Community Service Managers	1.85%	5	\$28.65	\$59,594	\$41,669	\$68,557
Surgical Technologists	15.56%	5	\$18.50	\$38,492	\$25,564	\$44,957
Management Analysts	11.11%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Occupation	Percent Change	Annual Openings	Avg. Hourly Wage	Avg. Annual Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage
Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	1.75%	4	N/A	\$69,654	\$51,839	\$78,561
Physician Assistants	15.79%	4	\$46.93	\$97,601	\$72,101	\$110,351
Training and Development Specialists	-2.33%	4	\$27.43	\$57,056	\$34,566	\$68,302
Adult Basic and Secondary Education and Literacy Teachers and Instructors	0.00%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Agricultural Inspectors	0.00%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	11.11%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Buyers and Purchasing Agents, Farm Products	3.45%	3	\$32.71	\$68,026	\$48,550	\$77,764
Civil Engineers	0.00%	3	\$58.18	\$121,019	\$54,893	\$154,083
Compliance Officers	7.69%	3	\$26.05	\$54,199	\$35,400	\$63,599
Cost Estimators	5.71%	3	\$19.84	\$41,261	\$32,465	\$45,660
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	0.00%	3	\$46.42	\$96,573	\$58,409	\$115,654
Financial Analysts	6.06%	3	\$40.82	\$84,915	\$65,592	\$94,576
Forest and Conservation Technicians	3.85%	3	\$18.98	\$39,490	\$28,090	\$45,189
Graphic Designers	0.00%	3	\$19.66	\$40,904	\$29,420	\$46,646
Marketing Managers	14.81%	3	\$48.61	\$101,103	\$57,336	\$122,986
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	14.81%	3	\$17.03	\$35,424	\$28,283	\$38,994
Power Plant Operators	5.26%	3	\$37.09	\$77,154	\$55,593	\$87,934
Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	2.33%	3	\$25.45	\$52,931	\$39,086	\$59,854
Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	4.35%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Soil and Plant Scientists	0.00%	3	\$43.19	\$89,849	\$76,095	\$96,726
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	0.00%	3	N/A	\$57,777	\$43,304	\$65,013
Speech-Language Pathologists	4.00%	3	\$30.69	\$63,834	\$40,893	\$75,304
Veterinarians	14.29%	3	\$36.68	\$76,305	\$58,646	\$85,135

Occupation	Percent Change	Annual Openings	Avg. Hourly Wage	Avg. Annual Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	9.52%	2	\$18.33	\$38,133	\$27,540	\$43,429
Computer and Information Systems Managers	18.52%	2	\$43.49	\$90,464	\$68,721	\$101,336
Dietitians and Nutritionists	13.04%	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nurse Practitioners	18.52%	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Occupational Therapists	13.89%	2	\$37.88	\$78,778	\$62,762	\$86,786
Personal Financial Advisors	8.00%	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Physical Therapist Assistants	13.33%	2	\$23.06	\$47,965	\$30,427	\$56,735
Respiratory Therapists	13.51%	2	\$26.67	\$55,471	\$45,982	\$60,215
Computer Network Support Specialists	18.18%	1	\$24.18	\$50,294	\$43,882	\$53,498
Radio, Cellular, and Tower Equipment Installers and Repairers	42.86%	1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A