

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	Southeast Region					
	Percent Change	Annual Openings	Avg. Hourly Wage	Avg. Annual Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	13.86%	127	\$18.77	\$39,038	\$28,385	\$44,364
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	0.94%	89	\$20.78	\$43,229	\$30,290	\$49,700
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	7.73%	55	N/A	\$53,709	\$40,950	\$60,088
Registered Nurses	6.03%	54	\$27.60	\$57,412	\$45,827	\$63,206
General and Operations Managers	5.62%	50	\$45.36	\$94,355	\$44,230	\$119,417
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	7.58%	44	N/A	\$55,053	\$41,808	\$61,676
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	2.74%	41	\$19.73	\$41,037	\$35,248	\$43,931
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	13.79%	40	\$28.43	\$59,123	\$39,506	\$68,932
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	3.12%	31	\$18.29	\$38,054	\$26,455	\$43,854
Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	1.06%	27	\$17.97	\$37,368	\$28,163	\$41,969
Machinists	5.41%	27	\$20.87	\$43,404	\$33,757	\$48,227
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	6.71%	27	N/A	\$53,754	\$41,427	\$59,917
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	13.72%	25	\$38.16	\$79,380	\$55,185	\$91,477
Accountants and Auditors	6.41%	23	\$24.86	\$51,704	\$33,032	\$61,040
Soil and Plant Scientists	5.12%	23	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Electricians	5.81%	20	\$23.21	\$48,277	\$33,682	\$55,574
Gas Plant Operators	-4.19%	20	\$31.93	\$66,418	\$46,457	\$76,398
Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	10.00%	19	\$35.70	\$74,253	\$28,565	\$97,096
Dental Assistants	0.68%	16	\$19.71	\$40,983	\$33,930	\$44,509

Occupation	Percent Change	Annual Openings	Avg. Hourly Wage	Avg. Annual Wage	Entry Wage	Experienced Wage
Rehabilitation Counselors	-5.84%	15	\$16.39	\$34,102	\$29,592	\$36,356
Loan Officers	13.77%	14	\$37.86	\$78,752	\$47,203	\$94,527
Managers, All Other	4.95%	14	\$49.27	\$102,488	\$49,534	\$128,966
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	-2.91%	14	\$18.67	\$38,823	\$26,637	\$44,916
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	11.67%	13	\$19.54	\$40,645	\$32,895	\$44,521
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	25.00%	12	\$24.21	\$50,341	\$37,946	\$56,538
Medical and Health Services Managers	6.94%	12	\$45.04	\$93,691	\$66,751	\$107,161
Human Resources Specialists	2.59%	11	\$24.73	\$51,439	\$35,603	\$59,357
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	8.05%	10	\$28.30	\$58,875	\$46,689	\$64,967
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	12.35%	9	\$19.86	\$41,310	\$26,336	\$48,797
Buyers and Purchasing Agents, Farm Products	-2.60%	9	\$20.53	\$42,686	\$28,086	\$49,985
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	8.57%	9	\$19.83	\$41,249	\$33,997	\$44,874
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	6.96%	9	N/A	\$99,080	\$76,703	\$110,267
Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians, All Other	9.38%	9	\$36.38	\$75,661	\$54,140	\$86,422
Training and Development Specialists	2.30%	9	\$38.11	\$79,268	\$42,615	\$97,593
Financial Managers	19.51%	8	\$57.26	\$119,118	\$54,268	\$151,543
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	5.43%	8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Compliance Officers	7.69%	7	\$34.35	\$71,439	\$40,579	\$86,870
Computer User Support Specialists	9.33%	7	\$22.82	\$47,462	\$32,822	\$54,783
Industrial Production Managers	8.42%	7	\$44.01	\$91,543	\$50,501	\$112,063
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	4.35%	7	\$18.90	\$39,308	\$28,099	\$44,912
Appraisers and Assessors of Real Estate	15.58%	6	\$20.83	\$43,330	\$28,168	\$50,910
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	6.49%	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Healthcare Social Workers	1.59%	6	\$23.92	\$49,761	\$40,000	\$54,641
Industrial Engineers	16.88%	6	\$44.26	\$92,064	\$64,826	\$105,682
Librarians	6.25%	6	\$21.76	\$45,269	\$26,460	\$54,673
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	3.96%	6	\$19.16	\$39,849	\$30,877	\$44,335
Personal Financial Advisors	18.18%	6	\$26.31	\$54,731	\$32,290	\$65,953
Physical Therapist Assistants	18.75%	6	\$21.54	\$44,799	\$34,966	\$49,717
Sales Managers	5.63%	6	\$49.34	\$102,645	\$74,390	\$116,772
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	6.41%	6	N/A	\$54,866	\$43,115	\$60,740
Administrative Services Managers	5.17%	5	\$43.94	\$91,399	\$48,742	\$112,727
Adult Basic and Secondary Education and Literacy Teachers and Instructors	7.32%	5	\$19.26	\$40,063	\$30,247	\$44,971
Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	4.29%	5	\$19.46	\$40,468	\$23,463	\$48,970
Construction Managers	2.99%	5	\$37.51	\$78,019	\$45,261	\$94,397
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	6.85%	5	\$39.37	\$81,893	\$47,190	\$99,245
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	1.64%	5	\$31.64	\$65,812	\$43,550	\$76,943
Engineers, All Other	4.48%	5	\$52.20	\$108,590	\$71,168	\$127,302
Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	7.41%	5	N/A	\$44,314	\$26,232	\$53,354
Management Analysts	8.93%	5	\$42.89	\$89,215	\$51,580	\$108,033
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	7.50%	5	\$20.45	\$42,530	\$29,263	\$49,164
Pharmacists	1.71%	5	\$58.46	\$121,584	\$109,199	\$127,777
Physical Therapists	14.29%	5	\$37.49	\$77,982	\$62,408	\$85,768
Public Relations Specialists	4.00%	5	\$17.15	\$35,691	\$24,201	\$41,436
Architectural and Engineering Managers	9.09%	4	\$67.35	\$140,077	\$74,461	\$172,885
Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School	6.15%	4	N/A	\$55,096	\$43,828	\$60,731

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Conservation Scientists	6.00%	4	\$28.68	\$59,650	\$45,177	\$66,887
Farm and Home Management Advisors	8.33%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mechanical Engineers	6.35%	4	\$40.53	\$84,298	\$62,319	\$95,288
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	9.62%	4	\$20.81	\$43,276	\$33,844	\$47,992
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	7.69%	4	\$28.37	\$59,027	\$47,402	\$64,840
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	7.50%	4	\$19.14	\$39,808	\$36,560	\$41,432
Physician Assistants	11.11%	4	\$51.29	\$106,687	\$74,481	\$122,789
Recreational Therapists	7.94%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Special Education Teachers, Middle School	6.67%	4	N/A	\$51,146	\$42,511	\$55,464
Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	2.94%	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Agricultural Inspectors	4.76%	3	\$23.80	\$49,503	\$44,996	\$51,757
Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other	3.45%	3	\$19.12	\$39,758	\$33,977	\$42,648
Computer and Information Systems Managers	5.26%	3	\$47.78	\$99,364	\$69,242	\$114,424
Computer Systems Analysts	5.00%	3	\$38.44	\$79,961	\$62,138	\$88,872
Forest and Conservation Technicians	3.45%	3	\$16.54	\$34,401	\$24,995	\$39,104
Health Diagnosing and Treating Practitioners, All Other	5.56%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Logisticians	14.81%	3	\$32.18	\$66,919	\$49,031	\$75,864
Millwrights	8.57%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	4.08%	3	\$32.03	\$66,622	\$50,616	\$74,625
Social and Community Service Managers	6.67%	3	\$30.98	\$64,437	\$50,835	\$71,239
Software Developers, Applications	22.58%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stationary Engineers and Boiler Operators	8.33%	3	\$20.03	\$41,665	\$33,688	\$45,653
Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	4.17%	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Surgical Technologists	9.09%	3	\$19.65	\$40,874	\$34,315	\$44,154
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	2.94%	3	\$28.15	\$58,546	\$37,525	\$69,058
Cooks, Private Household	20.00%	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Electrical Engineers	12.12%	2	\$39.69	\$82,540	\$53,077	\$97,273
Nurse Practitioners	10.34%	2	\$44.95	\$93,507	\$72,606	\$103,958
Occupational Therapists	11.11%	2	\$39.14	\$81,406	\$71,684	\$86,267
Radiologic Technologists	8.16%	2	\$27.64	\$57,507	\$44,657	\$63,933
Respiratory Therapists	8.82%	2	\$26.01	\$54,097	\$46,589	\$57,852
Speech-Language Pathologists	9.38%	2	\$30.37	\$63,161	\$45,735	\$71,875
Veterinarians	8.33%	2	\$32.86	\$68,351	\$56,035	\$74,509