

High Demand Occupations

Looking at the occupations most in demand over the next decade, it is readily apparent that the outlook is somewhat of a mixed bag. When education, training and wages are factored into the equation, one finds that many of the jobs which will require the most new and replacement workers generally pay below average wages and require little or no advanced preparation. There are some notable exceptions to this general tendency, such as **Registered Nurses** and **General & Operations Managers**. Each of these require substantial education or experience and pay well above the regional average. Among the top ten demand occupations, the only other one which promises above average overall pay is **Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor Trailer**. Analysis of the Job Zone data reveals that almost half of the top 100 occupations will require little or no formal training (Job Zones 1 & 2). Roughly four out of ten will require moderate to long term preparation (Job Zones 3 & 4).

The 50 *"Hottest"* Jobs

SOC Code	Occupational Title	Annual Demand	Average Starting Wage	Average Annual Wage	"Hot" Factor	Job Zone
1	29-1111 Registered Nurses	645	\$41,484	\$56,847	25.60	4
2	11-1021 General and Operations Managers	270	\$47,307	\$92,598	14.47	2
3	53-3032 Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	355	\$25,895	\$37,711	14.46	4
4	29-1065 Pediatricians, General	10	\$104,313	\$155,949	11.02	5
5	41-4012 Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and S	220	\$30,485	\$51,179	10.61	5
6	11-1011 Chief Executives	110	\$52,888	\$119,067	10.22	2
7	43-1011 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	205	\$29,853	\$46,316	9.94	5
8	41-1011 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	220	\$22,159	\$35,506	9.67	3
9	13-2011 Accountants and Auditors	160	\$34,215	\$54,622	8.94	2
10	23-1011 Lawyers	95	\$48,946	\$99,478	8.93	4
11	25-2031 Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	170	\$31,898	\$42,207	8.78	4
12	25-2021 Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	160	\$33,147	\$41,485	8.50	4
13	29-1051 Pharmacists	35	\$73,464	\$97,975	8.35	5
14	29-1021 Dentists, General	10	\$54,710	\$126,293	7.20	5
15	11-9041 Engineering Managers	10	\$67,128	\$97,819	7.14	4
16	11-2022 Sales Managers	35	\$51,945	\$92,178	6.90	5
17	11-3031 Financial Managers	50	\$47,260	\$78,225	6.72	4
18	11-9121 Natural Sciences Managers	0	\$62,714	\$97,003	6.51	3
19	17-2051 Civil Engineers	25	\$54,551	\$79,877	6.37	4
20	11-9032 Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	35	\$53,063	\$68,970	6.31	5
21	17-2072 Electronics Engineers, Except Computer	0	\$67,250	\$79,382	6.28	3
22	15-1031 Computer Software Engineers, Applications	50	\$46,088	\$64,679	6.27	4
23	15-1011 Computer and Information Scientists, Research	0	\$63,226	\$86,161	6.24	4
24	41-4011 Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific	25	\$52,681	\$77,205	6.18	4
25	29-1041 Optometrists	0	\$54,917	\$101,306	6.17	4

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26	11-9021 Construction Managers	60	\$38,972	\$62,364	6.11	4
27	41-3021 Insurance Sales Agents	85	\$28,832	\$53,580	6.08	3
28	11-9141 Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers	85	\$30,907	\$48,433	6.06	3
29	51-1011 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Production and Operating Workers	95	\$27,359	\$43,608	6.05	4
30	11-3021 Computer and Information Systems Managers	25	\$48,920	\$77,108	5.96	3
31	49-1011 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	75	\$31,986	\$51,420	5.88	3
32	11-9111 Medical and Health Services Managers	35	\$43,302	\$73,271	5.84	4
33	11-2021 Marketing Managers	25	\$43,834	\$83,146	5.82	4
34	17-2141 Mechanical Engineers	10	\$55,889	\$69,745	5.66	3
35	17-2041 Chemical Engineers	0	\$56,923	\$77,529	5.61	1
36	25-2022 Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	75	\$32,725	\$40,554	5.61	4
37	53-2011 Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers	0	\$54,329	\$82,195	5.59	3
38	47-1011 First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	75	\$29,788	\$45,037	5.56	4
39	17-2071 Electrical Engineers	10	\$51,558	\$75,135	5.56	3
40	29-1123 Physical Therapists	10	\$51,572	\$74,965	5.55	3
41	29-1122 Occupational Therapists	10	\$53,440	\$68,879	5.49	4
42	11-3051 Industrial Production Managers	10	\$49,109	\$75,810	5.43	4
43	17-2112 Industrial Engineers	10	\$50,925	\$71,269	5.41	4
44	11-3042 Training and Development Managers	10	\$48,246	\$76,252	5.39	4
45	15-1051 Computer Systems Analysts	35	\$41,760	\$59,578	5.36	3
46	19-2042 Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists and Geographers	0	\$51,287	\$79,824	5.34	4
47	11-9033 Education Administrators, Postsecondary	25	\$44,279	\$64,243	5.31	4
48	11-3041 Compensation and Benefits Managers	10	\$49,050	\$70,037	5.26	3
49	25-1063 Economics Teachers, Postsecondary	0	\$54,415	\$68,309	5.20	4
50	11-9051 Food Service Managers	50	\$34,938	\$49,936	5.18	5