

# HIGH-DEMAND OCCUPATIONS THROUGH 2028

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT AND SHORT-TERM TRAINING			
OCCUPATION (JOB TITLE)	ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH %	WAGE RANGE
Bus Drivers, School or Special Client	130	0.0	\$15–\$19
Childcare Workers	420	1.8	\$11–\$13
Construction Laborers	370	6.2	\$16–\$24
Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	270	5.8	\$13–\$24
Food Prep. and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,845	6.9	\$10–\$12
Food Preparation Workers	305	1.1	\$11–\$13
Helpers—Production Workers	160	10.4	\$13–\$19
Home Health Aides	340	21.4	\$11–\$14
Hosts and Hostesses, Rest., Lounge, and Coffee Shop	340	1.4	\$10–\$12
Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan	135	5.0	\$16–\$23
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Housekeepers	815	3.4	\$12–\$18
Laborers and Freight, Stock and Material Movers	980	3.4	\$13–\$19
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	505	3.2	\$13–\$19
Lifeguards and Recreational Protective Workers	155	4.9	\$12–\$15
Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	205	1.7	\$12–\$23
Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	200	9.7	\$11–\$14
Packers and Packagers, Hand	190	3.1	\$12–\$17
Recreation Workers	555	4.7	\$11–\$13
Security Guards	210	0.0	\$12–\$23
Vet. Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	65	14.3	\$12–\$16

# HIGH-DEMAND, HIGH-WAGE OCCUPATIONS THROUGH 2028

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)			
OCCUPATION (JOB TITLE)	ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH %	WAGE RANGE
Architectural and Engineering Managers	60	2.6	\$55–\$79
Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary	25	8.3	\$37–\$60
Biological Scientists, All Other	25	7.7	\$26–\$53
Chemists	50	7.7	\$25–\$39
Civil Engineers	45	3.8	\$32–\$50
Computer and Information Systems Managers	105	4.8	\$49–\$76
Computer User Support Specialists	210	3.7	\$17–\$30
Electrical Engineers	90	5.0	\$39–\$52
Environ. Scientists and Specialists, Including Health	70	6.9	\$26–\$49
Industrial Engineers	295	14.6	\$34–\$51
Mathematical Science Teachers, Postsecondary	45	3.8	\$34–\$71
Mechanical Engineering Technicians	45	4.8	\$23–\$36
Mechanical Engineers	280	6.3	\$35–\$56
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	105	5.4	\$25–\$50
Natural Sciences Managers	35	8.8	\$49–\$80
Operations Research Analysts	25	24.0	\$32–\$47
Sales Reps., Tech. and Scientific Products	115	0.9	\$34–\$67
Software Developers, Applications	175	17.2	\$35–\$55
Statisticians	40	31.2	\$29–\$45
Web Developers	40	4.3	\$24–\$42



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POSTSECONDARY CERTIFICATE OR MODERATE-TERM TRAINING			
OCCUPATION (JOB TITLE)	ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH %	WAGE RANGE
Audio and Video Equipment Technicians	30	13.0	\$14–\$28
Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	60	0.0	\$19–\$28
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	35	6.5	\$20–\$25
Commercial Pilots	65	1.6	\$32–\$67
Computer User Support Specialists	210	3.7	\$17–\$30
Construction and Building Inspectors	40	0.0	\$20–\$35*
Dental Assistants	100	0.0	\$18–\$25
Dental Laboratory Technicians	30	20.0	\$20–\$33
Electrical Repairers, Power, Substation, and Relay	30	2.9	\$42–\$50
Excavating, Loading, and Dragline Operators	25	4.8	\$10–\$24
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	515	1.1	\$19–\$27
Insurance Sales Agents	110	3.8	\$21–\$37
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	105	-1.4	\$22–\$28
Massage Therapists	60	14.3	\$18–\$30
Operating Engineers	110	2.2	\$24–\$34
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	90	0.0	\$25–\$35
Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	115	1.9	\$19–\$29
Psychiatric Technicians	45	0.0	\$22–\$32
Roofers	45	4.8	\$21–\$33
Sales Reps., Except Tech. and Scientific Products	395	1.1	\$19–\$40

ASSOCIATE DEGREE/LONG-TERM TRAINING/APPRENTICESHIPS			
OCCUPATION (JOB TITLE)	ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH %	WAGE RANGE
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	30	7.7	\$27–\$32
Carpenters	235	3.7	\$18–\$33
Court, Municipal, and License Clerks	70	0.0	\$17–\$24
Dental Hygienists	55	-2.2	\$29–\$37
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	25	11.8	\$25–\$37
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	55	3.3	\$41–\$49
Electricians	155	4.8	\$26–\$39
Engineering Technicians, Except Drafters, All Other	30	3.6	\$20–\$36
HVAC and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	80	8.1	\$20–\$36
Industrial Engineering Technicians	40	2.6	\$20–\$30
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	190	8.7	\$21–\$32
Machinists	275	3.1	\$17–\$28
Mechanical Engineering Technicians	45	4.8	\$23–\$36
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	40	5.6	\$18–\$31
Physical Therapist Assistants	50	11.8	\$21–\$30
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	90	5.1	\$21–\$39*
Radiologic Technologists	40	0.0	\$25–\$35
Respiratory Therapists	30	19.0	\$27–\$35
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	15	7.7	\$32–\$39
Web Developers	40	4.3	\$24–\$42

BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER			
OCCUPATION (JOB TITLE)	ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH %	WAGE RANGE
Accountants and Auditors	310	2.2	\$25–\$42
Business Teachers, Postsecondary	60	11.7	\$41–\$106
Computer and Information Systems Managers	105	4.8	\$49–\$76
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	105	6.5	\$39–\$76
Educational, Guidance, and School Counselors	125	15.0	\$20–\$31
Electrical Engineers	90	5.0	\$39–\$52
Elementary School Teachers	350	3.8	\$22–\$40
Financial Managers	120	12.7	\$42–\$74
General and Operations Managers	540	3.1	\$30–\$77
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	345	18.4	\$32–\$68
Industrial Engineers	295	14.6	\$34–\$51
Industrial Production Managers	85	3.7	\$40–\$71
Management Analysts	255	6.1	\$34–\$54
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	260	19.4	\$24–\$44
Mechanical Engineers	280	6.3	\$35–\$56
Medical and Health Services Managers	150	3.3	\$39–\$66
Nurse Practitioners	50	16.9	\$48–\$60
Physician Assistants	65	19.5	\$46–\$60
Registered Nurses	680	4.9	\$33–\$44
Software Developers, Applications	175	17.2	\$35–\$55

\*Regional wage data unavailable; Statewide wage data shown.

**Note:** These lists include occupations that show a favorable mix of projected long-term job growth, projected annual job openings, and median wages. They do not necessarily reflect current hiring demand. Hourly wage represents the 25th to 75th percentiles.

Source: Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives, Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget