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MICHIGAN'S HIGH-DEMAND,  
HIGH-WAGE CAREERS

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### PROJECTED ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS

### HOURLY WAGE RANGE

### JOB GROWTH 2016-2026

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL

Accountants and Auditors	3,520	\$25 - \$42	9.4%	Bachelor's degree, license
Administrative Services Managers	630	\$35 - \$55	9.4%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
Architectural and Engineering Managers	800	\$51 - \$74	9.0%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience, license
Carpenters	2,600	\$16 - \$28	7.5%	Apprenticeship, license
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	1,570	\$19 - \$28	13.6%	Bachelor's degree, license
Civil Engineers	860	\$30 - \$45	16.8%	Bachelor's degree, license
Commercial and Industrial Designers	740	\$28 - \$46	7.9%	Bachelor's degree
Computer and Information Systems Managers	830	\$46 - \$73	12.3%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
Computer Systems Analysts	1,200	\$31 - \$49	8.5%	Bachelor's degree
Computer User Support Specialists	1,790	\$17 - \$29	11.0%	Some college, no degree
Construction Managers	540	\$33 - \$56	9.9%	Bachelor's degree, plus moderate-term OJT
Dental Hygienists	770	\$27 - \$34	20.0%	Associate's degree, license
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	630	\$34 - \$66	10.6%	Master's degree, plus work experience
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	880	\$19 - \$33	15.2%	Master's degree, license
Electrical Engineers	780	\$33 - \$50	13.5%	Bachelor's degree, license
Electricians	2,580	\$20 - \$35	6.8%	Apprenticeship, license
Elementary School Teachers Except Special Education	2,840	\$22 - \$30	5.6%	Bachelor's degree, license
Financial Managers	1,460	\$40 - \$72	18.3%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
General and Operations Managers	5,760	\$33 - \$74	8.8%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	730	\$36 - \$82	25.4%	Doctoral or professional degree
Healthcare Social Workers	800	\$22 - \$31	18.7%	Master's degree, plus internship, license
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	1,020	\$17 - \$29	13.7%	Postsecondary nondegree award, plus long-term OJT, license
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	6,870	\$16 - \$24	9.7%	Postsecondary nondegree award, plus short-term OJT, license
Human Resources Specialists	1,600	\$21 - \$36	7.3%	Bachelor's degree
Industrial Engineers	2,200	\$34 - \$51	18.2%	Bachelor's degree, license
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	1,840	\$19 - \$30	10.0%	Long-term OJT
Insurance Sales Agents	1,410	\$17 - \$38	9.9%	Moderate-term OJT, license
Lawyers	940	\$33 - \$67	7.3%	Doctoral or professional degree, license
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	1,420	\$20 - \$26	10.4%	Postsecondary nondegree award, license
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	2,080	\$21 - \$40	24.0%	Bachelor's degree
Marketing Managers	450	\$42 - \$77	11.5%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
Mechanical Engineers	3,160	\$34 - \$53	15.2%	Bachelor's degree, license
Medical and Health Services Managers	1,180	\$35 - \$61	18.1%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
Nurse Practitioners	350	\$43 - \$55	34.3%	Master's degree, license
Occupational Therapists	380	\$31 - \$45	22.9%	Master's degree, license
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	730	\$19 - \$29	14.5%	Associate's degree
Personal Financial Advisors	530	\$26 - \$72	15.1%	Bachelor's degree, plus long-term OJT, license
Physical Therapist Assistants	630	\$20 - \$30	30.7%	Associate's degree, license
Physical Therapists	630	\$35 - \$48	27.4%	Doctoral or professional degree, license
Physician Assistants	440	\$43 - \$58	37.8%	Master's degree, license
Physicians and Surgeons	540	\$29 - \$100+	9.8%	Doctoral or professional degree, plus residency, license
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	1,620	\$22 - \$36	12.7%	Apprenticeship, license
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	1,330	\$22 - \$33	6.6%	Moderate-term OJT
Registered Nurses	6,650	\$28 - \$38	13.5%	Bachelor's degree, license
Sales Managers	1,000	\$44 - \$78	7.0%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
Sales Representatives, Except Technical and Scientific Products	5,680	\$20 - \$43	2.9%	Moderate-term OJT
Social and Community Service Managers	550	\$26 - \$38	16.3%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
Software Developers, Applications	2,160	\$33 - \$53	31.0%	Bachelor's degree
Software Developers, Systems Software	1,000	\$33 - \$52	15.2%	Bachelor's degree
Training and Development Specialists	690	\$20 - \$36	12.4%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience

Source: DTMB, Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives

OJT = On-the-Job Training

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**Note:** This list includes occupations that show a favorable mix of projected long-term job growth, projected annual job openings, and median wages. It does not necessarily reflect current hiring demand. Hourly wage represents the 25th to 75th percentiles.

# LOOKING FOR CAREER INFORMATION? NEED HELP WITH A JOB SEARCH?

## MITALENT.ORG

Pure Michigan Talent Connect is your launch pad for new jobs, careers, and talent. It is an online marketplace offered by the Michigan Talent Investment Agency. It connects Michigan's job seekers and employers, and serves as a central hub linking all public and private stakeholders who support Michigan's workforce. Pure Michigan Talent Connect serves as the state's labor exchange system and provides access to thousands of jobs, as well as valuable tools and resources to help with your career exploration and job searching needs.

## MICHIGAN.GOV/TED

The Talent and Economic Development Department of Michigan and its subsidiary agencies work to provide the connections, expertise, and innovative solutions to drive continued business growth, build vibrant communities, create affordable housing, generate tourism, and attract and retain key talent to fill Michigan's vast pipeline of opportunities.

## MICHIGAN.GOV/TIA

Businesses need a talented workforce. Workers need the right skills to compete for available jobs. The Talent Investment Agency (TIA) was created to bridge the gap between talent and employers. This is accomplished through programs focused on job preparedness, career-based education, worker training, employment assistance and unemployment programs.

## PATHFINDER.MITALENT.ORG

Michigan Talent Investment Agency is excited to introduce Pathfinder—a one-of-a-kind career exploration tool that's designed to increase the number of Michigan residents with high-quality, in-demand degrees and credentials. Pathfinder provides current Michigan labor market information to students, their parents, guidance staff, and all job seekers to help them make informed choices about education and career options, as well as guides the creation of educational development plans.

## MICHIGAN.GOV/LMI

The Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives is the official source for high quality demographic and labor market information for the state of Michigan and its regions. We provide partners and customers, including job-seekers, with accurate, objective, reliable, timely, accessible, and transparent information and insights.

## MICHIGANWORKS.ORG

The Michigan Works! System is the first unified workforce development system in the U.S. and an integral partner in developing Michigan's economic future. The System is demand-driven, locally-responsive and ready to meet the needs of each community.

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