
















HIGH-DEMAND OCCUPATIONS THROUGH 2026

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR EQUIVALENT AND SHORT-TERM TRAINING			
OCCUPATION (JOB TITLE)	ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH %	WAGE RANGE
Construction Laborers 	240	13.0	\$14 – \$24
Constr. Trades and Excavation Workers, Supervisors  GP	105	15.0	\$26 – \$43
Customer Service Representatives 	985	6.8	\$13 – \$21
Food Prep. and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	2,685	15.3	\$10 – \$11
Food Prep. and Serving Workers, Supervisors	445	10.1	\$13 – \$20
Helpers–Production Workers	330	26.4	\$11 – \$15
Home Health Aides	600	46.9	\$10 – \$13
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Housekeepers	740	10.4	\$11 – \$17
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers 	860	8.8	\$11 – \$18
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	525	12.7	\$11 – \$15
Library Assistants, Clerical	255	13.7	\$10 – \$14
Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers, Supervisors 	125	12.0	\$26 – \$43
Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	185	23.2	\$10 – \$12
Office and Admin. Support Workers, Supervisors	240	4.0	\$21 – \$33
Personal Care Aides	790	25.9	\$10 – \$12
Production and Operating Workers, Supervisors 	235	6.8	\$23 – \$37
Property and Real Estate Managers	85	12.5	\$23 – \$43
Receptionists and Information Clerks	420	13.2	\$12 – \$18
Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	135	14.6	\$11 – \$20
Social and Human Service Assistants	150	16.3	\$12 – \$22

IT'S **BIGGER** THAN DATA.

HIGH-DEMAND, HIGH-WAGE OCCUPATIONS THROUGH 2026

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)			
OCCUPATION (JOB TITLE)	ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH %	WAGE RANGE
Architectural and Engineering Managers 	70	9.7	\$53 – \$74
Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary	25	17.4	\$32 – \$59
Civil Engineers 	40	11.4	\$34 – \$54
Computer and Information Systems Managers	100	13.1	\$46 – \$76
Computer Science Teachers, Postsecondary	35	10.5	\$42 – \$69
Computer Systems Analysts	90	3.7	\$34 – \$49
Computer User Support Specialists GP	195	12.8	\$16 – \$28
Electrical Engineers 	75	13.4	\$34 – \$54
Electronics Engineers, Except Computer 	40	10.9	\$36 – \$54
Engineering Teachers, Postsecondary	35	17.3	\$40 – \$79
Environ. Scientists and Specialists, Including Health 	45	14.5	\$27 – \$50
Industrial Engineers 	315	23.2	\$34 – \$51
Mechanical Engineers 	220	14.3	\$33 – \$50
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	235	11.7	\$23 – \$34
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	70	8.1	\$29 – \$42
Operations Research Analysts	25	28.8	\$36 – \$47
Sales Reps., Tech. and Scientific Products 	120	8.8	\$27 – \$53
Software Developers, Applications	165	33.4	\$34 – \$57
Software Developers, Systems Software 	120	13.4	\$34 – \$52
Statisticians	30	32.1	\$29 – \$44









SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN CAREER OUTLOOK

STATE OF MICHIGAN
Department of Technology, Management and Budget
Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives

HIGH-DEMAND, HIGH-WAGE OCCUPATIONS

THROUGH 2026

POSTSECONDARY CERTIFICATE OR MODERATE-TERM TRAINING			
OCCUPATION (JOB TITLE)	ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH %	WAGE RANGE
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	45	22.5	\$24 – \$40
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics GP	185	8.3	\$15 – \$31
Billing and Posting Clerks	205	17.3	\$15 – \$22
Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity 	65	9.4	\$13 – \$20 *
Commercial Pilots	55	24.4	\$24 – \$44
Computer User Support Specialists GP	195	12.8	\$16 – \$28
Dental Assistants	140	20.9	\$16 – \$22
Electrical Repairers, Power, Substation, and Relay	30	7.9	\$36 – \$52
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers 	475	9.5	\$17 – \$24
Insurance Sales Agents	155	11.5	\$20 – \$36
Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses GP	100	6.6	\$21 – \$27
Massage Therapists GP	45	22.1	\$15 – \$27
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians GP	35	13.8	\$18 – \$27
Mixing and Blending Machine Operators 	55	8.7	\$14 – \$22
Operating Engineers  GP	95	16.6	\$20 – \$29
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	90	7.9	\$23 – \$33
Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks 	80	11.9	\$18 – \$25
Real Estate Sales Agents	55	6.2	\$21 – \$36
Roofers 	55	12.4	\$15 – \$29
Sales Reps., Except Tech. and Scientific Products	485	7.9	\$21 – \$47

*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 range represents the 25th to 75th percentiles.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE/LONG-TERM TRAINING/APPRENTICESHIPS			
OCCUPATION (JOB TITLE)	ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH %	WAGE RANGE
Automotive Body and Related Repairers GP	40	12.7	\$15 – \$32
Bus and Truck Mech. and Diesel Engine Specialists  GP	60	10.9	\$18 – \$27
Carpenters  GP	235	10.6	\$18 – \$33
Computer Network Support Specialists GP	25	12.1	\$22 – \$37
Dental Hygienists	75	21.5	\$29 – \$38
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers  GP	85	15.5	\$27 – \$47
Electricians  GP	195	8.9	\$25 – \$37
Environmental Science Technicians, Including Health 	30	20.9	\$15 – \$26
HVAC and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers  GP	60	14.3	\$22 – \$34
Industrial Engineering Technicians  GP	65	9.3	\$20 – \$30
Industrial Machinery Mechanics  GP	155	13.1	\$19 – \$29
Machinists  GP	240	5.2	\$16 – \$23
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	30	18.8	\$18 – \$29
Physical Therapist Assistants GP	65	37.0	\$21 – \$30
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters  GP	100	14.8	\$24 – \$39
Power Plant Operators 	45	7.3	\$37 – \$50
Radiologic Technologists GP	60	11.1	\$24 – \$32
Respiratory Therapists GP	30	22.5	\$25 – \$31
Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers GP	35	19.2	\$14 – \$28
Web Developers GP	35	11.6	\$21 – \$37

BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER			
OCCUPATION (JOB TITLE)	ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH %	WAGE RANGE
Accountants and Auditors	325	11.9	\$25 – \$44
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	185	13.3	\$18 – \$28
Computer and Information Systems Managers	100	13.1	\$46 – \$76
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	140	12.3	\$43 – \$85
Electrical Engineers 	75	13.4	\$34 – \$54
Elementary School Teachers	355	8.6	\$21 – \$39
Financial Managers	130	20.1	\$42 – \$74
General and Operations Managers 	505	10.7	\$30 – \$78
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	570	27.2	\$45 – \$96
Industrial Engineers 	315	23.2	\$34 – \$51
Lawyers	70	12.9	\$29 – \$67
Management Analysts	260	16.5	\$28 – \$47
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Spec.	225	32.5	\$24 – \$43
Mechanical Engineers 	220	14.3	\$33 – \$50
Medical and Health Services Managers	155	11.4	\$32 – \$60
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	235	11.7	\$23 – \$34
Registered Nurses	720	12.8	\$29 – \$40
Sales Managers	90	14.1	\$40 – \$80
Software Developers, Applications	165	33.4	\$34 – \$57
Software Developers, Systems Software 	120	13.4	\$34 – \$52