



Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources Career Ladder

Now

Less than high school + work experience, on-the-job training, or apprenticeship; or High school diploma/equivalent

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	\$19.90	25
Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$19.21	62
Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors	\$14.72	41
Agricultural Equipment Operators	\$16.16	124
Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	\$11.96	68

Next

Some college, no degree; Postsecondary non-degree award; Associate's degree; or Bachelor's degree

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Environmental Engineers	\$38.17	30
Soil and Plant Scientists	\$32.05	28
Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists	\$28.56	7
Environmental Engineering Technicians	\$20.18	14
Biological Technicians	\$19.40	20

Later

Bachelor's degree + on-the-job training, work experience, or internship/residency; Master's degree; or Doctoral/professional degree

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Natural Sciences Managers	\$47.62	5
Buyers and Purchasing Agents, Farm Products	\$32.76	22

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Business, Marketing, and Management Career Ladder

Business Management & Administration; Finance; Hospitality & Tourism; Marketing

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Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	\$28.78	83
Food Service Managers	\$25.57	37
Chefs and Head Cooks	\$25.41	17
Real Estate Brokers	\$21.63	7
Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks	\$18.27	31

Next

Some college, no degree; Postsecondary non-degree award; Associate's degree; or Bachelor's degree

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Accountants and Auditors	\$32.84	419
Fundraisers	\$28.86	17
Public Relations Specialists	\$24.66	52

Later

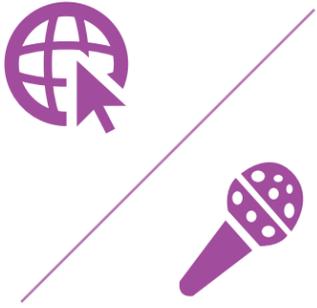
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Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Personal Finance Advisors	\$59.99	39
Human Resources Managers	\$56.65	23
Marketing Managers	\$51.24	42
Training and Development Specialists	\$26.75	87

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Communication and Information Systems Career Ladder

Arts, A/V Technology, & Communications; Information Technology

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Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	\$24.26	26
Photographers	\$14.14	36

Next

Some college, no degree; Postsecondary non-degree award; Associate's degree; or Bachelor's degree

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Computer Programmers	\$36.32	85
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	\$34.46	88
Commercial and Industrial Designers	\$31.77	4
Web Developers	\$29.58	53
Graphic Designers	\$21.39	59

Later

Bachelor's degree + on-the-job training, work experience, or internship/residency; Master's degree; or Doctoral/professional degree

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Computer Network Architects	\$45.21	31
Database Administrators	\$37.93	39
Art Directors	\$35.96	15
Technical Writers	\$30.77	13
Producers and Directors	\$23.31	17

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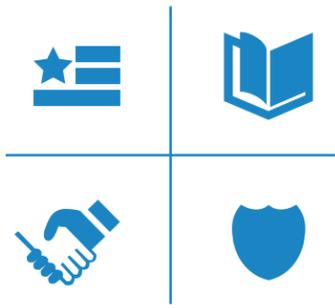
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Human Sciences and Education Career Ladder

Education & Training; Government & Public Administration; Human Services; Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security

Now

Less than high school + work experience, on-the-job training, or apprenticeship; or High school diploma/equivalent

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Construction and Building Inspectors	\$24.96	14
Correctional Officers and Jailers	\$19.21	72
Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	\$18.14	73
Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	\$15.59	62

Next

Some college, no degree; Postsecondary non-degree award; Associate's degree; or Bachelor's degree

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	\$31.73	15
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$22.53	52
Graduate Teaching Assistants	*\$45,519	14
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	\$19.33	109

* Annual wages shown when hourly wages not available; annual wages can be converted to an approximate hourly rate by dividing the annual wages by 2,080 hours

Later

Bachelor's degree + on-the-job training, work experience, or internship/residency; Master's degree; or Doctoral/professional degree

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Lawyers	\$52.12	106
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	*\$52,315	235
Mental Health Counselors	\$22.79	51
Agricultural Inspectors	\$20.83	15

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Health Sciences Career Ladder

Now

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Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Pharmacy Technicians	\$14.44	59
Home Health Aides	\$12.04	80

Next

Some college, no degree; Postsecondary non-degree award; Associate's degree; or Bachelor's degree

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Dental Hygienists	\$31.84	35
Registered Nurses	\$28.90	840
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$24.63	39
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$19.46	273
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	\$19.22	60

Later

Bachelor's degree + on-the-job training, work experience, or internship/residency; Master's degree; or Doctoral/professional degree

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Pharmacists	\$49.37	73
Nurse Practitioners	\$44.65	46
Physical Therapists	\$36.48	82
Speech-Language Pathologists	\$31.02	46
Dietitians and Nutritionists	\$26.08	16

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Skilled and Technical Sciences Career Ladder

Architecture & Construction; Energy & Engineering; Manufacturing; Transportation, Distribution, & Logistics

Now

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Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$22.63	196
Electricians	\$22.61	167
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$20.55	101
Carpenters	\$17.40	256

Next

Some college, no degree; Postsecondary non-degree award; Associate's degree; or Bachelor's degree

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Electrical Engineers	\$40.49	26
Industrial Engineering Technicians	\$25.11	9
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$20.98	889
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$18.64	161
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$18.05	172

Later

Bachelor's degree + on-the-job training, work experience, or internship/residency; Master's degree; or Doctoral/professional degree

Occupation	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Construction Managers	\$44.59	72
Biochemists and Biophysicists	\$32.74	10
Survey Researchers	\$22.61	8

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