



Skilled and Technical Sciences Career Ladder

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

Now

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

Occupation	Entry Wage	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$15.91	\$26.52	658
Machinists	\$14.24	\$20.33	458
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$16.95	\$23.78	329
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	\$13.07	\$21.44	169

Next

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

Occupation	Entry Wage	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$15.49	\$21.50	3,438
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	\$15.80	\$23.79	281
Mechanical Engineers	\$27.35	\$38.97	80
Chemists	\$19.99	\$34.76	68
Tool and Die Makers	\$19.30	\$25.39	54

Later

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

Occupation	Entry Wage	Average Wage	Annual Openings
Cost Estimators	\$18.52	\$29.02	157
Architects, Except Landscape and Naval	\$24.35	\$37.92	75
Statisticians	\$20.28	\$31.27	25

More data can be found at NEworks.nebraska.gov; click *Labor Market Analysis*.

Equal Opportunity Program/Employer TDD: 800.833.7352

Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

Entry-level wages are defined as the average (mean) wage earned by the lowest third of all workers in the selected occupation.

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Wages from Occupational Employment Statistics, 4th Quarter 2017

Annual openings from 2016-2026 Long-term Occupational Projections

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