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4,100	Registered Nurses	Associate	3.18	74,400	\$53,774
2,530	Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	mod. OJT	2.43	50,290	\$36,131
2,490	Team Assemblers	mod. OJT	1.43	63,510	\$25,397
2,430	Customer Service Representatives	mod. OJT	2.33	64,620	\$29,609
2,150	General and Operations Managers	Bachelor +	1.86	56,650	\$102,579
1,860	Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	mod. OJT	1.57	47,580	\$34,699
1,780	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	mod. OJT	1.63	43,070	\$51,853
1,740	First-Line Supervisors/ Managers of Retail Sales Workers	work exp.	1.12	44,740	\$34,795
1,690	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	mod. OJT	1.47	43,390	\$33,217
1,630	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	Bachelor	2.18	38,290	\$38,578
1,460	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	mod. OJT	0.89	51,780	\$29,684
1,350	First-Line Supervisors/ Managers of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	work exp.	2.12	28,820	\$27,230
1,310	First-Line Supervisors/ Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers	work exp.	1.13	38,390	\$42,495
1,210	Cooks, Restaurant	long OJT	2.38	24,160	\$19,143
1,110	Carpenters	long OJT	1.90	24,920	\$29,768
1,100	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	1,2 year	1.76	19,370	\$36,994
1,080	First-Line Supervisors/ Managers of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	work exp.	1.81	25,870	\$47,559
970	Accountants and Auditors	Bachelor	2.00	23,990	\$56,588
960	Business Operations Specialists, all other	Bachelor	2.54	24,450	\$57,499
960	Teachers and Instructors, All Other	Bachelor	2.67	16,680	\$26,688
950	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	Bachelor	1.96	21,840	\$40,070
930	Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	mod. OJT	0.18	53,090	\$26,814
850	Construction Laborers	mod. OJT	1.59	27,210	\$23,441
810	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	1,2 year	2.51	18,680	\$20,096
810	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	Bachelor	1.72	22,580	\$37,851
730	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	mod. OJT	1.54	15,080	\$62,355
720	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	1,2 year	2.01	15,660	\$36,407
720	First-Line Supervisors/ Managers of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	work exp.	1.55	18,010	\$52,452
690	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	long OJT	1.57	17,280	\$37,908

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680	Electricians	long OJT	1.69	17,510	\$35,215
680	First-Line Supervisors/ Managers of Production and Operating Workers	work exp.	0.21	27,500	\$46,996
670	Managers, all other	work exp.	1.27	7,410	\$84,538
660	Medical Assistants	mod. OJT	4.28	9,400	\$26,089
660	Clergy	Profess.	2.02	430	\$45,361
630	Computer Support Specialists	Associate	1.96	17,720	\$43,574
600	Computer Systems Analysts	Bachelor	2.37	13,510	\$71,644
590	Construction Managers	Bachelor	1.61	8,480	\$74,815
570	Financial Managers	Bachelor +	1.71	16,650	\$90,030
560	Social and Human Service Assistants	mod. OJT	3.07	11,630	\$25,207
560	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	mod. OJT	-0.53	22,460	\$28,638
550	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	long OJT	2.28	11,500	\$34,444
540	Medical Secretaries	1,2 year	1.77	9,470	\$25,918
540	Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	mod. OJT	2.04	12,930	\$30,849
510	Sales Managers	Bachelor +	1.94	12,590	\$93,434
510	Dental Assistants	mod. OJT	3.87	6,950	\$33,195
510	First-Line Supervisors/ Managers of Non-Retail Sales Workers	work exp.	0.81	10,630	\$70,359
480	Computer Software Engineers, Applications	Bachelor	3.65	10,970	\$81,887
470	Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	Bachelor	4.15	6,820	\$64,837
470	Slaughterers and Meat Packers	mod. OJT	1.29	6,700	\$19,792
470	Real Estate Brokers	work exp.	1.74	4,640	\$42,029
460	Machinists	long OJT	1.40	12,290	\$32,456
440	Painters, Construction and Maintenance	mod. OJT	2.44	6,820	\$27,365
430	Lawyers	Profess.	1.97	9,390	\$106,359
420	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	long OJT	1.32	9,360	\$31,741
420	Sales Representatives, Services, all other	mod. OJT	2.13	11,670	\$52,625
410	Correctional Officers and Jailers	mod. OJT	0.50	15,030	\$29,027
400	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	1,2 year	1.61	7,160	\$26,860
400	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	long OJT	2.50	7,910	\$35,510
390	Fire Fighters	long OJT	2.24	7,520	\$32,659
380	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	1,2 year	2.14	7,780	\$36,380
370	Real Estate Sales Agents	1,2 year	2.08	4,270	\$54,738
370	Network and Computer Systems Administrators	Bachelor	3.42	6,720	\$63,070
370	First-Line Supervisors/ Managers of Transportation and Material-Moving Machine and Vehicle Operators	work exp.	1.85	9,410	\$45,744
360	Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software	Bachelor	2.54	9,240	\$87,362

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360	Special Education Teachers, Preschool, Kindergarten, and Elementary School	Bachelor	3.14	7,360	\$39,277
360	Recreation Workers	Bachelor	2.08	5,950	\$23,318
360	Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	mod. OJT	0.86	7,950	\$19,378
340	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	Associate	3.18	7,030	\$37,351
340	Computer and Information Systems Managers	Bachelor +	2.11	7,950	\$103,749
340	Medical and Health Services Managers	Bachelor +	2.41	6,480	\$77,301
340	Pharmacy Technicians	mod. OJT	2.67	9,280	\$23,643
330	Child, Family, and School Social Workers	Bachelor	1.87	9,080	\$38,981
330	First-Line Supervisors/ Managers of Housekeeping and Janitorial Workers	work exp.	2.50	6,330	\$31,007
320	Insurance Sales Agents	Bachelor	0.86	8,360	\$51,475
310	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	Associate	2.96	6,150	\$47,097
310	Management Analysts	Bachelor +	1.78	7,690	\$77,846
310	Billing and Posting Clerks and Machine Operators	mod. OJT	0.40	14,660	\$28,742
300	Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	Bachelor +	1.96	7,720	\$64,213
300	Rehabilitation Counselors	Master	2.27		\$30,980
290	Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	1,2 year	2.89	5,330	\$27,519
290	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	Associate	2.82	4,770	\$33,699
290	Dental Hygienists	Associate	3.90	5,040	\$59,302
290	Employment, Recruitment, and Placement Specialists	Bachelor	3.27	4,240	\$45,507
290	Pharmacists	Profess.	2.36	6,990	\$94,720
280	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	1,2 year	2.57	7,890	\$27,884
280	Education Administrators, Postsecondary	Bachelor +	2.58	4,960	\$73,252
280	Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks	mod. OJT	1.75	5,630	\$30,307
280	Sheet Metal Workers	mod. OJT	2.10	6,100	\$30,565
270	Financial Analysts	Bachelor	2.17	6,340	\$66,494
270	Loan Officers	Bachelor	1.22	10,210	\$52,010
270	Food Service Managers	work exp.	1.81	6,310	\$47,680
260	Medical Records and Health Information Technicians	Associate	2.86	5,190	\$27,120
260	Training and Development Specialists	Bachelor	1.97	5,790	\$48,338
260	Farmers and Ranchers	long OJT	-2.32		
260	Educational, Vocational, and School Counselors	Master	2.35	5,080	\$43,137
260	Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	mod. OJT	2.36	5,050	\$27,037
260	Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers	mod. OJT	1.28	5,250	\$17,555

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260	Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	work exp.	1.02	7,440	\$49,957
250	Computer Programmers	Bachelor	0.00	10,010	\$69,684
250	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technologists	Bachelor	2.67	4,600	\$46,804
250	First-Line Supervisors/ Managers of Landscaping, Lawn Service and Groundskeeping Workers	work exp.	2.46	4,220	\$36,863
240	Brickmasons and Blockmasons	long OJT	2.16	5,340	\$35,268
240	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	long OJT	0.38	5,300	\$43,366
240	Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs	mod. OJT	-1.15		\$29,836
240	First-Line Supervisors/ Managers of Helpers, Laborers, and Material Movers, Hand	work exp.	1.08	7,220	\$38,013
230	Legal Secretaries	1,2 year	2.23	5,290	\$33,905
230	Industrial Engineers	Bachelor	1.67	5,420	\$66,361
230	Assemblers and Fabricators, all other	mod. OJT	1.81	4,410	\$32,473
230	Textile Winding, Twisting, and Drawing Out Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	mod. OJT	-5.74	9,760	\$22,131
220	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	1,2 year	2.15	4,620	\$40,080
220	Physicians and Surgeons, all other	Profess.	2.29	5,880	\$132,029
220	Cost Estimators	work exp.	2.37	4,810	\$51,966
210	Marketing Managers	Bachelor +	1.86	4,130	\$98,303
210	Upholsterers	long OJT	-2.47	5,970	\$32,692
210	Roofers	mod. OJT	2.66	3,330	\$26,812
210	Printing Machine Operators	mod. OJT	1.13	5,360	\$30,627
210	Sewing Machine Operators	mod. OJT	-3.70	13,380	\$21,996
200	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	long OJT	-1.21	8,830	\$37,729
200	Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	work exp.	2.47	3,660	\$34,288
190	Personal Financial Advisors	Bachelor	3.08	3,560	\$64,818
190	Civil Engineers	Bachelor	1.64	5,240	\$65,575
190	Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	Bachelor	2.19	4,630	\$85,029
190	Vocational Education Teachers, Secondary School	Bachelor +	1.98	4,290	\$43,400
190	Photographers	long OJT	2.02	1,710	\$38,625
190	Market Research Analysts	Master	1.50	4,460	\$67,122
190	Instructional Coordinators	Master	2.90	3,910	\$49,290
190	Physical Therapists	Master	3.30	3,950	\$66,504
190	Parts Salespersons	mod. OJT	-0.36	6,990	\$28,289
190	Data Entry Keyers	mod. OJT	0.45	6,420	\$24,715
190	Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	mod. OJT	-0.46	8,320	\$26,218
190	Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing	mod. OJT	-1.78	6,620	\$24,720