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Inside, you will find a list of the top 15 occupations by the following education levels:

- ⇒ Associate's Degree and Below
- ⇒ Bachelor's Degree
- ⇒ Graduate Degree

They are ranked by Total job openings and have above average annual wages as well as higher than average projected increases in employment.

Data comes from the Occupational Projections and the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Program.



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ASSOCIATE'S & BELOW

Occupation	Projected Employment Growth (2016 - 2026)	Projected Total Openings	Mean Wage (2017)
Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	8%	34,071	\$71,531
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	11%	16,679	\$72,658
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	8%	6,072	\$57,891
Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	12%	4,071	\$62,776
Dental Hygienists	31%	3,505	\$85,891
Food Service Managers	8%	3,068	\$67,224
Radiologic Technologists	17%	2,881	\$66,522
Physical Therapist Assistants	27%	2,549	\$58,545
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	8%	2,029	\$74,007
Elevator Installers and Repairers	9%	1,757	\$80,025
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other	10%	1,299	\$88,359
Occupational Therapy Assistants	26%	1,077	\$64,277
Architectural and Civil Drafters	8%	1,057	\$60,250
Respiratory Therapists	10%	981	\$68,701
Material Moving Workers, All Other	8%	821	\$57,667

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Occupation	Projected Employment Growth (2016 - 2026)	Projected Total Openings	Mean Wage (2017)
Registered Nurses	11%	33,351	\$75,246
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	8%	9,305	\$107,243
Medical and Health Services Managers	12%	8,656	\$118,862
Training and Development Specialists	8%	7,436	\$67,365
Financial Analysts	8%	5,934	\$97,116
Cost Estimators	10%	5,867	\$71,131
Construction Managers	9%	5,447	\$107,734
Computer Programmers	8%	4,079	\$89,090
Computer Network Architects	8%	3,942	\$109,048
Social and Community Service Managers	8%	2,278	\$75,765
Fundraisers	9%	1,540	\$65,259
Chief Executives	10%	1,525	\$192,362
Labor Relations Specialists	8%	1,198	\$67,766
Education Administrators, Preschool and Childcare Center/ Program	8%	813	\$57,956
Dietitians and Nutritionists	13%	784	\$66,520

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL DEGREES

Occupation	Projected Employment Growth (2016 - 2026)	Projected Total Openings	Mean Wage (2017)
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	10%	4,357	\$113,726
Healthcare Social Workers	10%	4,098	\$58,147
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	9%	3,761	\$63,845
Physicians and Surgeons, All Other	10%	3,692	\$193,570
Physical Therapists	25%	3,388	\$86,840
Pharmacists	8%	3,202	\$118,923
Physician Assistants	22%	2,279	\$103,151
Nurse Practitioners	24%	2,203	\$109,842
Occupational Therapists	21%	1,839	\$85,616
Dentists, General	30%	1,698	\$154,009
Biochemists and Biophysicists	9%	1,573	\$87,492
Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	15%	1,317	\$76,933
Family and General Practitioners	21%	1,281	\$209,416
Speech-Language Pathologists	15%	1,191	\$83,091
Survey Researchers	11%	988	\$87,077

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