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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 annual 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 (2012-2022)	Projected Total Openings	Median Wage (2014)
Registered Nurses	13%	15,602	\$72,342
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	6%	5,786	\$80,862
Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	11%	5,452	\$62,306
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	8%	2,565	\$64,647
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	5%	4,957	\$62,446
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	5%	5,396	\$59,801
Web Developers	20%	1,335	\$67,186
Managers, All Other	2%	6,465	\$122,503
Radiologic Technologists	10%	1,124	\$63,712
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	33%	568	\$73,728
First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	4%	2,925	\$64,853
Respiratory Therapists	15%	597	\$65,210
Physical Therapist Assistants	19%	617	\$58,889
Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers	5%	1,624	\$71,085
Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	25%	426	\$66,197

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Occupation	Projected Employment Growth (2012-2022)	Projected Total Openings	Median Wage (2014)
General and Operations Managers	8%	13,668	\$123,767
Software Developers, Systems Software	22%	4,901	\$112,782
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	12%	8,454	\$61,972
Management Analysts	13%	6,705	\$94,224
Computer Systems Analysts	22%	4,530	\$87,777
Software Developers, Applications	21%	4,140	\$106,144
Accountants and Auditors	9%	10,328	\$72,951
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	28%	3,082	\$60,550
Computer and Information Systems Managers	15%	3,057	\$140,079
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	14%	3,008	\$93,538
Information Security Analysts	41%	1,919	\$98,516
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	12%	3,728	\$64,179
Logisticians	24%	1,677	\$86,913
Civil Engineers	16%	2,856	\$78,642
Medical and Health Services Managers	10%	3,683	\$99,677

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL DEGREES

Occupation	Projected Employment Growth (2012-2022)	Projected Total Openings	Median Wage (2014)
Lawyers	5%	3,102	\$108,789
Physical Therapists	17%	1,813	\$87,972
Postsecondary Teachers, All Other	13%	1,450	\$76,744
Computer and Information Research Scientists	17%	1,156	\$115,505
Statisticians	18%	1,567	\$99,678
Pharmacists	10%	1,868	\$124,280
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	9%	1,813	\$58,125
Healthcare Social Workers	13%	1,229	\$56,151
Instructional Coordinators	11%	717	\$66,116
Physician Assistants	17%	815	\$90,038
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	14%	1,048	\$106,133
Occupational Therapists	14%	703	\$86,746
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	7%	1,254	\$84,819
Nurse Practitioners	15%	662	\$98,452
Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	35%	400	\$82,566

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