

Occupational Employment and Wage Rates for the West Area in South Dakota for 2025

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Total all occupations	00-0000	62,880	\$13.62	\$16.14	\$21.89	\$25.67	\$29.33	\$41.47	\$28,320	\$33,580	\$45,530	\$53,390	\$61,010	\$86,260	
Chief Executives	11-1011	60	\$56.49	\$65.24	\$96.15	\$115.40	\$140.80	\$215.17	\$117,500	\$135,700	\$199,990	\$240,020	\$292,850	\$447,550	Determine and formulate policies and provide overall direction of companies or private and public sector organizations within guidelines set up by a board of directors or similar governing body. Plan, direct, or coordinate operational activities at the h
General and Operations Managers	11-1021	600	\$42.31	\$49.25	\$59.87	\$66.71	\$81.14	\$100.46	\$88,000	\$102,430	\$124,530	\$138,750	\$168,770	\$208,960	Plan, direct, or coordinate the operations of public or private sector organizations, overseeing multiple departments or locations. Duties and responsibilities include formulating policies, managing daily operations, and planning the use of materials and
Sales Managers	11-2022	40	\$30.51	\$38.76	\$53.62	\$56.85	\$76.72	\$82.29	\$63,460	\$80,610	\$111,540	\$118,240	\$159,580	\$171,160	Plan, direct, or coordinate the actual distribution or movement of a product or service to the customer. Coordinate sales distribution by establishing sales territories, quotas, and goals and establish training programs for sales representatives. Analyze
Administrative Services Managers	11-3012	30	\$30.84	\$32.14	\$42.59	\$41.96	\$49.18	\$54.38	\$64,150	\$66,850	\$88,600	\$87,280	\$102,300	\$113,120	Plan, direct, or coordinate one or more administrative services of an organization, such as records and information management, mail distribution, and other office support services. Medical records administrators are included in "Medical and Health Servi
Facilities Managers	11-3013	50	\$33.22	\$37.42	\$42.65	\$45.45	\$49.04	\$64.24	\$69,100	\$77,830	\$88,710	\$94,530	\$101,990	\$133,610	Plan, direct, or coordinate operations and functionalities of facilities and buildings. May include surrounding grounds or multiple facilities of an organization's campus. Excludes "Administrative Services Managers" (11-3012), "Property, Real Estate, and
Computer and Information Systems Managers	11-3021	30	\$48.76	\$66.53	\$74.44	\$80.61	\$91.94	\$104.29	\$101,430	\$138,380	\$154,830	\$167,680	\$191,240	\$216,910	Plan, direct, or coordinate activities in such fields as electronic data processing, information systems, systems analysis, and computer programming. Excludes "Computer Occupations" (15-1211 through 15-1299)
Financial Managers	11-3031	120	\$52.41	\$55.50	\$65.03	\$69.23	\$79.55	\$93.82	\$109,010	\$115,430	\$135,270	\$143,990	\$165,470	\$195,150	Plan, direct, or coordinate accounting, investing, banking, insurance, securities, and other financial activities of a branch, office, or department of an establishment. Excludes "Financial Risk Specialists" (13-2054)
Industrial Production Managers	11-3051	50	\$39.40	\$45.99	\$48.63	\$53.36	\$58.09	\$75.47	\$81,950	\$95,650	\$101,160	\$111,000	\$120,830	\$156,980	Plan, direct, or coordinate the work activities and resources necessary for manufacturing products in accordance with cost, quality, and quantity specifications.
Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers	11-3071	30	\$30.43	\$36.55	\$45.22	\$48.00	\$55.00	\$73.63	\$63,290	\$76,020	\$94,060	\$99,840	\$114,410	\$153,160	Plan, direct, or coordinate transportation, storage, or distribution activities in accordance with organizational policies and applicable government laws or regulations. Includes logistics managers.
Human Resources Managers	11-3121	40	\$32.20	\$38.46	\$49.13	\$55.16	\$70.49	\$86.38	\$66,980	\$79,990	\$102,190	\$114,720	\$146,630	\$179,680	Plan, direct, or coordinate human resources activities and staff of an organization. Excludes managers who primarily focus on compensation and benefits (11-3111) and training and development (11-3131).
Construction Managers	11-9021	120	\$36.00	\$44.93	\$55.73	\$56.16	\$61.35	\$79.38	\$74,870	\$93,460	\$115,920	\$116,800	\$127,610	\$165,100	Plan, direct, or coordinate, usually through subordinate supervisory personnel, activities concerned with the construction and maintenance of structures, facilities, and systems. Participate in the conceptual development of a construction project and ove
Education and Childcare Administrators, Preschool and Daycare	11-9031	20	\$25.25	\$25.25	\$27.77	\$29.46	\$30.37	\$36.07	\$52,520	\$52,520	\$57,760	\$61,280	\$63,170	\$75,030	Plan, direct, or coordinate academic or nonacademic activities of preschools or childcare centers and programs, including before- and after-school care. Excludes "Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education" (25-2011) and "Childcare Workers" (39-9011).
Education Administrators, Kindergarten through Secondary	11-9032	190							\$72,570	\$77,270	\$83,090	\$87,420	\$97,860	\$106,080	Plan, direct, or coordinate the academic, administrative, or auxiliary activities of kindergarten, elementary, or secondary schools.

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Education Administrators, Postsecondary	11-9033	30	\$43.43	\$47.70	\$48.97	\$57.17	\$65.22	\$73.78	\$90,330	\$99,220	\$101,850	\$118,920	\$135,650	\$153,470	Plan, direct, or coordinate student instruction, administration, and services, as well as other research and educational activities, at postsecondary institutions, including universities, colleges, and junior and community colleges.
Education Administrators, All Other	11-9039	70	\$38.62	\$44.58	\$52.40	\$50.89	\$56.94	\$59.76	\$80,330	\$92,730	\$108,990	\$105,840	\$118,440	\$124,300	All education administrators not listed separately.
Architectural and Engineering Managers	11-9041	40	\$50.00	\$58.25	\$62.50	\$64.58	\$69.18	\$78.01	\$103,990	\$121,160	\$129,990	\$134,320	\$143,900	\$162,260	Plan, direct, or coordinate activities in such fields as architecture and engineering or research and development in these fields. Excludes "Natural Sciences Managers" (11-9121).
Food Service Managers	11-9051	120	\$22.53	\$25.52	\$28.49	\$29.68	\$34.07	\$37.76	\$46,860	\$53,090	\$59,270	\$61,730	\$70,870	\$78,530	Plan, direct, or coordinate activities of an organization or department that serves food and beverages. Excludes "Chefs and Head Cooks" (35-1011).
Gambling Managers	11-9071	10	\$32.29	\$36.73	\$39.01	\$41.89	\$42.21	\$54.16	\$67,170	\$76,400	\$81,140	\$87,140	\$87,790	\$112,650	Plan, direct, or coordinate gambling operations in a casino. May formulate house rules.
Entertainment and Recreation Managers, Except Gambling	11-9072	30	\$27.27	\$27.27	\$35.22	\$35.73	\$42.51	\$48.51	\$56,720	\$56,720	\$73,250	\$74,330	\$88,410	\$100,890	Plan, direct, or coordinate entertainment and recreational activities and operations of a recreational facility, including cruise ships and parks.
Lodging Managers	11-9081	80	\$23.07	\$24.00	\$28.09	\$28.54	\$32.37	\$36.16	\$47,990	\$49,920	\$58,430	\$59,370	\$67,320	\$75,220	Plan, direct, or coordinate activities of an organization or department that provides lodging and other accommodations. Excludes "Food Service Managers" (11-9051) in lodging establishments.
Medical and Health Services Managers	11-9111	190	\$39.17	\$47.33	\$59.10	\$61.63	\$73.57	\$82.23	\$81,460	\$98,450	\$122,930	\$128,190	\$153,030	\$171,040	Plan, direct, or coordinate medical and health services in hospitals, clinics, managed care organizations, public health agencies, or similar organizations.
Natural Sciences Managers	11-9121	50	\$42.60	\$47.61	\$56.05	\$60.39	\$61.95	\$94.08	\$88,610	\$99,040	\$116,580	\$125,600	\$128,850	\$195,690	Plan, direct, or coordinate activities in such fields as life sciences, physical sciences, mathematics, statistics, and research and development in these fields. Excludes "Computer and Information Systems Managers" (11-3021) and "Architecture and Engineer
Postmasters and Mail Superintendents	11-9131	40	\$33.68	\$35.67	\$42.33	\$41.81	\$47.07	\$49.50	\$70,050	\$74,190	\$88,050	\$86,970	\$97,910	\$102,960	Plan, direct, or coordinate operational, administrative, management, and support services of a U.S. post office; or coordinate activities of workers engaged in postal and related work in assigned post office.
Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers	11-9141	190	\$20.45	\$22.36	\$24.47	\$26.46	\$29.45	\$35.04	\$42,530	\$46,500	\$50,900	\$55,030	\$61,260	\$72,890	Plan, direct, or coordinate the selling, buying, leasing, or governance activities of commercial, industrial, or residential real estate properties. Includes managers of homeowner and condominium associations, rented or leased housing units, buildings, o
Social and Community Service Managers	11-9151	80	\$30.56	\$31.57	\$38.14	\$42.19	\$50.82	\$60.23	\$63,560	\$65,660	\$79,320	\$87,760	\$105,710	\$125,270	Plan, direct, or coordinate the activities of a social service program or community outreach organization. Oversee the program or organization's budget and policies regarding participant involvement, program requirements, and benefits. Work may involve d
Emergency Management Directors	11-9161	40	\$22.47	\$25.29	\$33.17	\$33.99	\$39.69	\$43.54	\$46,740	\$52,600	\$68,990	\$70,700	\$82,560	\$90,550	Plan and direct disaster response or crisis management activities, provide disaster preparedness training, and prepare emergency plans and procedures for natural (e.g., hurricanes, floods, earthquakes), wartime, or technological (e.g., nuclear power plan
Funeral Home Managers	11-9171	10	\$37.46	\$37.57	\$49.54	\$45.14	\$49.66	\$50.00	\$77,910	\$78,150	\$103,050	\$93,900	\$103,300	\$103,990	Plan, direct, or coordinate the services or resources of funeral homes. Includes activities such as determining prices for services or merchandise and managing the facilities of funeral homes. Excludes "Morticians, Undertakers, and Funeral Arrangers" (39
Managers, All Other	11-9199	110	\$27.46	\$39.54	\$53.30	\$54.23	\$67.07	\$77.46	\$57,120	\$82,230	\$110,870	\$112,800	\$139,500	\$161,120	All managers not listed separately.
Buyers and Purchasing Agents	13-1020	140	\$26.19	\$28.82	\$32.84	\$34.81	\$40.13	\$46.29	\$54,480	\$59,950	\$68,300	\$72,400	\$83,470	\$96,290	
Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	13-1031	40	\$24.33	\$29.22	\$30.67	\$35.89	\$44.79	\$52.33	\$50,610	\$60,780	\$63,790	\$74,640	\$93,150	\$108,840	Review settled claims to determine that payments and settlements are made in accordance with company practices and procedures. Confer with legal counsel on claims requiring litigation. May also settle insurance claims. Excludes "Fire Inspectors and Inves

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Compliance Officers	13-1041	260	\$24.72	\$30.21	\$34.05	\$34.70	\$38.28	\$42.96	\$51,420	\$62,840	\$70,820	\$72,170	\$79,620	\$89,370	Examine, evaluate, and investigate eligibility for or conformity with laws and regulations governing contract compliance of licenses and permits, and perform other compliance and enforcement inspection and analysis activities not classified elsewhere. Ex
Cost Estimators	13-1051	70	\$24.23	\$27.68	\$36.00	\$35.38	\$39.79	\$47.14	\$50,390	\$57,570	\$74,880	\$73,590	\$82,770	\$98,050	Prepare cost estimates for product manufacturing, construction projects, or services to aid management in bidding on or determining price of product or service. May specialize according to particular service performed or type of product manufactured.
Human Resources Specialists	13-1071	140	\$23.11	\$25.17	\$30.09	\$33.13	\$40.68	\$48.28	\$48,080	\$52,350	\$62,590	\$68,910	\$84,610	\$100,420	Recruit, screen, interview, or place individuals within an organization. May perform other activities in multiple human resources areas. Excludes "Compensation, Benefits, and Job Analysis Specialists" (13-1141) and "Training and Development Specialists"
Labor Relations Specialists	13-1075	20	\$23.27	\$27.56	\$42.60	\$49.21	\$76.35	\$76.35	\$48,410	\$57,330	\$88,610	\$102,350	\$158,800	\$158,800	Resolve disputes between workers and managers, negotiate collective bargaining agreements, or coordinate grievance procedures to handle employee complaints. Excludes equal employment opportunity (EEO) officers, who are included in "Compliance Officers" (
Project Management Specialists	13-1082	80	\$25.66	\$30.00	\$38.64	\$41.40	\$47.07	\$54.95	\$53,370	\$62,400	\$80,370	\$86,120	\$97,900	\$114,300	Analyze and coordinate the schedule, timeline, procurement, staffing, and budget of a product or service on a per project basis. Lead and guide the work of technical staff. May serve as a point of contact for the client or customer. Excludes "Management
Management Analysts	13-1111	600	\$27.34	\$30.71	\$39.60	\$43.42	\$53.30	\$67.58	\$56,870	\$63,880	\$82,380	\$90,320	\$110,850	\$140,570	Conduct organizational studies and evaluations, design systems and procedures, conduct work simplification and measurement studies, and prepare operations and procedures manuals to assist management in operating more efficiently and effectively. Includes
Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners	13-1121	60	\$17.55	\$17.90	\$20.74	\$21.94	\$25.66	\$29.53	\$36,500	\$37,240	\$43,130	\$45,630	\$53,370	\$61,430	Coordinate activities of staff, convention personnel, or clients to make arrangements for group meetings, events, or conventions.
Compensation, Benefits, and Job Analysis Specialists	13-1141	70	\$22.58	\$25.28	\$29.75	\$31.51	\$36.17	\$42.29	\$46,960	\$52,580	\$61,870	\$65,540	\$75,230	\$87,960	Conduct programs of compensation and benefits and job analysis for employer. May specialize in specific areas, such as position classification and pension programs.
Training and Development Specialists	13-1151	50	\$24.26	\$26.85	\$33.00	\$34.02	\$39.87	\$49.88	\$50,460	\$55,850	\$68,630	\$70,760	\$82,920	\$103,760	Design or conduct work-related training and development programs to improve individual skills or organizational performance. May analyze organizational training needs or evaluate training effectiveness. Excludes "Career/Technical Education Teachers, Post
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	13-1161	160	\$20.00	\$24.24	\$29.59	\$34.85	\$41.51	\$58.00	\$41,590	\$50,420	\$61,560	\$72,490	\$86,350	\$120,640	Research conditions in local, regional, national, or online markets. Gather information to determine potential sales of a product or service, or plan a marketing or advertising campaign. May gather information on competitors, prices, sales, and methods o
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	13-1199	180	\$29.38	\$32.31	\$38.19	\$40.30	\$46.44	\$55.73	\$61,110	\$67,200	\$79,440	\$83,820	\$96,600	\$115,920	All business operations specialists not listed separately.
Accountants and Auditors	13-2011	950	\$28.50	\$30.14	\$36.82	\$39.10	\$45.43	\$54.26	\$59,270	\$62,680	\$76,590	\$81,330	\$94,490	\$112,860	Examine, analyze, and interpret accounting records to prepare financial statements, give advice, or audit and evaluate statements prepared by others. Install or advise on systems of recording costs or other financial and budgetary data. Excludes "Tax Exa
Property Appraisers and Assessors	13-2020	120	\$22.25	\$23.13	\$30.20	\$29.37	\$31.78	\$37.12	\$46,270	\$48,110	\$62,820	\$61,100	\$66,100	\$77,210	
Budget Analysts	13-2031	30	\$26.84	\$31.15	\$36.85	\$38.59	\$41.68	\$57.07	\$55,830	\$64,790	\$76,650	\$80,260	\$86,690	\$118,700	Examine budget estimates for completeness, accuracy, and conformance with procedures and regulations. Analyze budgeting and accounting reports. Excludes "Financial and Investment Analysts" (13-2051).

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Credit Analysts	13-2041	20	\$28.95	\$30.67	\$32.89	\$35.46	\$36.24	\$46.49	\$60,220	\$63,800	\$68,410	\$73,750	\$75,380	\$96,710	Analyze credit data and financial statements of individuals or firms to determine the degree of risk involved in extending credit or lending money. Prepare reports with credit information for use in decisionmaking. Excludes "Financial Risk Specialists" (
Financial and Investment Analysts	13-2051	60	\$23.85	\$36.06	\$50.16	\$62.82	\$80.78	\$115.24	\$49,610	\$74,990	\$104,330	\$130,660	\$168,020	\$239,700	Conduct quantitative analyses of information involving investment programs or financial data of public or private institutions, including valuation of businesses. Excludes "Budget Analysts" (13-2031), "Financial Risk Specialists" (13-2054), and "Securiti
Loan Officers	13-2072	260	\$28.46	\$33.38	\$38.51	\$41.13	\$47.34	\$59.14	\$59,190	\$69,430	\$80,100	\$85,550	\$98,470	\$123,010	Evaluate, authorize, or recommend approval of commercial, real estate, or credit loans. Advise borrowers on financial status and payment methods. Includes mortgage loan officers and agents, collection analysts, loan servicing officers, and loan underwrit
Tax Preparers	13-2082	50	\$18.79	\$19.75	\$22.28	\$24.93	\$29.08	\$35.63	\$39,080	\$41,080	\$46,330	\$51,850	\$60,480	\$74,110	Prepare tax returns for individuals or small businesses. Excludes "Accountants and Auditors" (13-2011).
Financial Specialists, All Other	13-2099	10	\$31.33	\$37.91	\$42.60	\$41.30	\$45.44	\$48.28	\$65,170	\$78,850	\$88,610	\$85,890	\$94,520	\$100,420	All financial specialists not listed separately.
Computer Systems Analysts	15-1211	100	\$33.31	\$37.69	\$46.05	\$48.55	\$57.18	\$72.08	\$69,280	\$78,390	\$95,790	\$100,980	\$118,930	\$149,930	Analyze science, engineering, business, and other data processing problems to develop and implement solutions to complex applications problems, system administration issues, or network concerns. Perform systems management and integration functions, impro
Information Security Analysts	15-1212	40	\$40.42	\$45.43	\$48.71	\$53.17	\$58.30	\$69.47	\$84,080	\$94,500	\$101,310	\$110,590	\$121,260	\$144,490	Plan, implement, upgrade, or monitor security measures for the protection of computer networks and information. Assess system vulnerabilities for security risks and propose and implement risk mitigation strategies. May ensure appropriate security control
Computer Network Support Specialists	15-1231	50	\$20.24	\$21.01	\$27.02	\$27.05	\$30.13	\$32.35	\$42,100	\$43,700	\$56,200	\$56,270	\$62,670	\$67,290	Analyze, test, troubleshoot, and evaluate existing network systems, such as local area networks (LAN), wide area networks (WAN), cloud networks, servers, and other data communications networks. Perform network maintenance to ensure networks operate corre
Computer User Support Specialists	15-1232	130	\$17.62	\$19.12	\$20.76	\$22.50	\$25.00	\$29.95	\$36,650	\$39,770	\$43,170	\$46,800	\$52,000	\$62,290	Provide technical assistance to computer users. Answer questions or resolve computer problems for clients in person, via telephone, or electronically. May provide assistance concerning the use of computer hardware and software, including printing, instal
Computer Network Architects	15-1241		\$50.09	\$53.97	\$60.65	\$66.02	\$74.94	\$92.03	\$104,190	\$112,250	\$126,150	\$137,320	\$155,860	\$191,420	Design and implement computer and information networks, such as local area networks (LAN), wide area networks (WAN), intranets, extranets, and other data communications networks. Perform network modeling, analysis, and planning, including analysis of cap
Database Administrators	15-1242	30	\$36.05	\$36.05	\$41.28	\$42.39	\$48.16	\$50.13	\$74,980	\$74,990	\$85,860	\$88,180	\$100,170	\$104,270	Administer, test, and implement computer databases, applying knowledge of database management systems. Coordinate changes to computer databases. Identify, investigate, and resolve database performance issues, database capacity, and database scalability.
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	15-1244	210	\$26.52	\$28.99	\$33.50	\$35.24	\$38.67	\$47.72	\$55,160	\$60,300	\$69,670	\$73,300	\$80,440	\$99,260	Install, configure, and maintain an organization's local area network (LAN), wide area network (WAN), data communications network, operating systems, and physical and virtual servers. Perform system monitoring and verify the integrity and availability of
Computer Programmers	15-1251	10	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$37.85	\$49.23	\$55.92	\$58,240	\$58,240	\$58,240	\$78,720	\$102,400	\$116,320	Create, modify, and test the code and scripts that allow computer applications to run. Work from specifications drawn up by software and web developers or other individuals. May develop and write computer programs to store, locate, and retrieve specific

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Software Developers	15-1252	160	\$33.05	\$38.02	\$46.63	\$52.84	\$59.99	\$92.67	\$68,750	\$79,080	\$96,990	\$109,900	\$124,780	\$192,750	Research, design, and develop computer and network software or specialized utility programs. Analyze user needs and develop software solutions, applying principles and techniques of computer science, engineering, and mathematical analysis. Update softwar
Web Developers	15-1254	50	\$17.08	\$22.86	\$24.57	\$25.04	\$26.53	\$34.11	\$35,520	\$47,540	\$51,100	\$52,080	\$55,190	\$70,940	Develop and implement websites, web applications, application databases, and interactive web interfaces. Evaluate code to ensure that it is properly structured, meets industry standards, and is compatible with browsers and devices. Optimize website perfo
Computer Occupations, All Other	15-1299	40	\$30.92	\$35.83	\$45.30	\$46.95	\$53.76	\$72.06	\$64,310	\$74,530	\$94,220	\$97,660	\$111,820	\$149,880	All computer occupations not listed separately. Excludes "Computer and Information Systems Managers" (11-3021), "Computer Hardware Engineers" (17-2061), "Electrical and Electronics Engineers" (17-2070), "Computer Science Teachers, Postsecondary" (25-1021
Cartographers and Photogrammetrists	17-1021	20	\$17.34	\$18.79	\$25.09	\$29.81	\$36.52	\$46.44	\$36,070	\$39,070	\$52,190	\$62,000	\$75,970	\$96,600	Research, study, and prepare maps and other spatial data in digital or graphic form for one or more purposes, such as legal, social, political, educational, and design purposes. May work with Geographic Information Systems (GIS). May design and evaluate
Surveyors	17-1022	20	\$29.08	\$32.00	\$35.33	\$38.55	\$49.70	\$50.76	\$60,490	\$66,560	\$73,490	\$80,170	\$103,380	\$105,590	Make exact measurements and determine property boundaries. Provide data relevant to the shape, contour, gravitation, location, elevation, or dimension of land or land features on or near the earth's surface for engineering, mapmaking, mining, land evalua
Civil Engineers	17-2051	300	\$31.66	\$35.27	\$45.28	\$45.57	\$52.22	\$59.65	\$65,850	\$73,360	\$94,180	\$94,780	\$108,620	\$124,070	Perform engineering duties in planning, designing, and overseeing construction and maintenance of building structures and facilities, such as roads, railroads, airports, bridges, harbors, channels, dams, irrigation projects, pipelines, power plants, and
Electrical Engineers	17-2071		\$38.37	\$48.40	\$61.24	\$57.79	\$68.63	\$68.71	\$79,800	\$100,680	\$127,370	\$120,200	\$142,750	\$142,910	Research, design, develop, test, or supervise the manufacturing and installation of electrical equipment, components, or systems for commercial, industrial, military, or scientific use. Excludes "Computer Hardware Engineers" (17-2061)
Environmental Engineers	17-2081	10	\$37.93	\$44.54	\$48.10	\$49.81	\$55.75	\$62.01	\$78,890	\$92,640	\$100,050	\$103,610	\$115,950	\$128,990	Research, design, plan, or perform engineering duties in the prevention, control, and remediation of environmental hazards using various engineering disciplines. Work may include waste treatment, site remediation, or pollution control technology.
Mechanical Engineers	17-2141		\$30.08	\$34.78	\$48.58	\$51.81	\$62.93	\$77.50	\$62,570	\$72,350	\$101,050	\$107,760	\$130,890	\$161,210	Perform engineering duties in planning and designing tools, engines, machines, and other mechanically functioning equipment. Oversee installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of equipment such as centralized heat, gas, water, and steam systems.
Engineers, All Other	17-2199	10	\$40.99	\$43.74	\$50.62	\$54.34	\$63.10	\$68.32	\$85,260	\$90,980	\$105,290	\$113,030	\$131,250	\$142,110	All engineers not listed separately. Excludes "Sales Engineers" (41-9031), "Locomotive Engineers" (53-4011), and "Ship Engineers" (53-5031).
Architectural and Civil Drafters	17-3011	20	\$22.54	\$23.25	\$24.70	\$26.47	\$28.73	\$34.43	\$46,870	\$48,360	\$51,380	\$55,060	\$59,760	\$71,610	Prepare detailed drawings of architectural and structural features of buildings or drawings and topographical relief maps used in civil engineering projects, such as highways, bridges, and public works. Use knowledge of building materials, engineering pr
Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	17-3022	90	\$22.12	\$25.52	\$28.60	\$28.32	\$30.25	\$34.60	\$46,010	\$53,090	\$59,490	\$58,900	\$62,920	\$71,970	Apply theory and principles of civil engineering in planning, designing, and overseeing construction and maintenance of structures and facilities under the direction of engineering staff or physical scientists.
Soil and Plant Scientists	19-1013	70	\$26.60	\$29.49	\$35.00	\$37.18	\$41.47	\$48.74	\$55,320	\$61,350	\$72,790	\$77,330	\$86,260	\$101,380	Conduct research in breeding, physiology, production, yield, and management of crops and agricultural plants or trees, shrubs, and nursery stock, their growth in soils, and control of pests; or study the chemical, physical, biological, and mineralogical

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Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists	19-1023	60	\$25.63	\$26.17	\$31.04	\$33.01	\$38.50	\$42.65	\$53,310	\$54,430	\$64,560	\$68,660	\$80,070	\$88,710	Study the origins, behavior, diseases, genetics, and life processes of animals and wildlife. May specialize in wildlife research and management. May collect and analyze biological data to determine the environmental effects of present and potential use o
Biological Scientists, All Other	19-1029	70	\$24.01	\$30.35	\$39.10	\$38.39	\$45.44	\$52.55	\$49,940	\$63,130	\$81,330	\$79,860	\$94,520	\$109,300	All biological scientists not listed separately.
Conservation Scientists	19-1031	120	\$24.57	\$29.38	\$36.23	\$36.56	\$42.46	\$46.86	\$51,110	\$61,110	\$75,360	\$76,050	\$88,320	\$97,470	Manage, improve, and protect natural resources to maximize their use without damaging the environment. May conduct soil surveys and develop plans to eliminate soil erosion or to protect rangelands. May instruct farmers, agricultural production managers,
Foresters	19-1032	30	\$22.68	\$24.09	\$27.99	\$29.53	\$34.48	\$36.28	\$47,170	\$50,110	\$58,220	\$61,420	\$71,730	\$75,460	Manage public and private forested lands for economic, recreational, and conservation purposes. May inventory the type, amount, and location of standing timber, appraise the timber's worth, negotiate the purchase, and draw up contracts for procurement. M
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	19-1042		\$28.59	\$29.82	\$38.43	\$40.37	\$46.30	\$55.65	\$59,460	\$62,020	\$79,930	\$83,970	\$96,310	\$115,760	Conduct research dealing with the understanding of human diseases and the improvement of human health. Engage in clinical investigation, research and development, or other related activities. Includes physicians, dentists, public health specialists, phar
Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health	19-2041	90	\$22.90	\$27.73	\$32.21	\$33.76	\$38.32	\$43.67	\$47,630	\$57,680	\$67,000	\$70,220	\$79,710	\$90,830	Conduct research or perform investigation for the purpose of identifying, abating, or eliminating sources of pollutants or hazards that affect either the environment or public health. Using knowledge of various scientific disciplines, may collect, synthe
Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists and Geographers	19-2042	20	\$30.66	\$31.25	\$31.50	\$35.68	\$36.19	\$52.01	\$63,760	\$64,990	\$65,520	\$74,210	\$75,280	\$108,190	Study the composition, structure, and other physical aspects of the Earth. May use geological, physics, and mathematics knowledge in exploration for oil, gas, minerals, or underground water; or in waste disposal, land reclamation, or other environmental
School Psychologists	19-3034	10	\$33.29	\$33.29	\$37.02	\$35.83	\$37.25	\$41.02	\$69,240	\$69,240	\$77,010	\$74,530	\$77,480	\$85,320	Diagnose and implement individual or schoolwide interventions or strategies to address educational, behavioral, or developmental issues that adversely impact educational functioning in a school. May address student learning and behavioral problems and co
Urban and Regional Planners	19-3051	70	\$24.72	\$30.38	\$34.22	\$34.89	\$39.04	\$44.60	\$51,420	\$63,190	\$71,180	\$72,570	\$81,200	\$92,760	Develop comprehensive plans and programs for use of land and physical facilities of jurisdictions, such as towns, cities, counties, and metropolitan areas.
Social Scientists and Related Workers, All Other	19-3099	20	\$29.38	\$30.35	\$38.19	\$36.86	\$43.83	\$45.02	\$61,110	\$63,130	\$79,440	\$76,660	\$91,170	\$93,640	All social scientists and related workers not listed separately.
Agricultural Technicians	19-4012	30	\$17.29	\$17.80	\$19.60	\$20.25	\$21.19	\$25.73	\$35,970	\$37,020	\$40,770	\$42,120	\$44,070	\$53,520	Work with agricultural scientists in plant, fiber, and animal research, or assist with animal breeding and nutrition. Set up or maintain laboratory equipment and collect samples from crops or animals. Prepare specimens or record data to assist scientists
Biological Technicians	19-4021	30	\$19.39	\$19.39	\$19.49	\$21.67	\$24.47	\$26.42	\$40,330	\$40,330	\$40,550	\$45,070	\$50,900	\$54,950	Assist biological and medical scientists. Set up, operate, and maintain laboratory instruments and equipment, monitor experiments, collect data and samples, make observations, and calculate and record results. May analyze organic substances, such as bloo
Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health	19-4042	10	\$16.50	\$16.51	\$16.51	\$18.94	\$21.24	\$30.33	\$34,330	\$34,340	\$34,340	\$39,380	\$44,180	\$63,080	Perform laboratory and field tests to monitor the environment and investigate sources of pollution, including those that affect health, under the direction of an environmental scientist, engineer, or other specialist. May collect samples of gases, soil
Forest and Conservation Technicians	19-4071	150	\$20.99	\$23.05	\$26.42	\$28.59	\$33.25	\$39.90	\$43,660	\$47,940	\$54,950	\$59,470	\$69,160	\$82,990	Provide technical assistance regarding the conservation of soil, water, forests, or related natural resources. May compile data pertaining to size, content, condition, and other characteristics of forest tracts under the direction of foresters, or train

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Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians, All Other	19-4099	20	\$13.24	\$13.61	\$24.01	\$22.54	\$28.82	\$32.31	\$27,550	\$28,300	\$49,940	\$46,890	\$59,950	\$67,200	All life, physical, and social science technicians not listed separately.
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	19-5011	30	\$30.55	\$35.54	\$42.25	\$43.20	\$52.83	\$58.58	\$63,530	\$73,920	\$87,890	\$89,850	\$109,890	\$121,840	Review, evaluate, and analyze work environments and design programs and procedures to control, eliminate, and prevent disease or injury caused by chemical, physical, and biological agents or ergonomic factors. May conduct inspections and enforce adherenc
Educational, Guidance, and Career Counselors and Advisors	21-1012	200	\$21.35	\$21.51	\$24.40	\$25.46	\$29.60	\$31.72	\$44,410	\$44,750	\$50,740	\$52,950	\$61,560	\$65,970	Advise and assist students and provide educational and vocational guidance services.
Rehabilitation Counselors	21-1015	100	\$20.92	\$21.92	\$23.70	\$23.67	\$23.70	\$26.47	\$43,520	\$45,590	\$49,290	\$49,220	\$49,290	\$55,050	Counsel individuals to maximize the independence and employability of persons coping with personal, social, and vocational difficulties that result from birth defects, illness, disease, accidents, aging, or the stress of daily life. Coordinate activities
Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors	21-1018	180	\$18.83	\$21.91	\$26.98	\$26.06	\$28.98	\$30.14	\$39,160	\$45,570	\$56,120	\$54,210	\$60,270	\$62,700	
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	21-1021	400	\$19.18	\$22.66	\$25.66	\$26.12	\$27.82	\$33.37	\$39,900	\$47,130	\$53,370	\$54,330	\$57,870	\$69,410	Provide social services and assistance to improve the social and psychological functioning of children and their families and to maximize the family well-being and the academic functioning of children. May assist parents, arrange adoptions, and find fost
Healthcare Social Workers	21-1022	120	\$18.83	\$18.83	\$23.70	\$25.05	\$29.30	\$36.71	\$39,170	\$39,170	\$49,300	\$52,100	\$60,940	\$76,360	Provide individuals, families, and groups with the psychosocial support needed to cope with chronic, acute, or terminal illnesses. Services include advising family caregivers. Provide patients with information and counseling, and make referrals for other
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	21-1023	20	\$18.48	\$18.48	\$20.97	\$21.40	\$22.18	\$24.72	\$38,440	\$38,440	\$43,620	\$44,510	\$46,140	\$51,420	Assess and treat individuals with mental, emotional, or substance abuse problems, including abuse of alcohol, tobacco, and/or other drugs. Activities may include individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, case management, client advocacy, prevent
Social Workers, All Other	21-1029	20	\$34.13	\$38.86	\$42.51	\$44.08	\$49.50	\$52.55	\$70,990	\$80,830	\$88,420	\$91,690	\$102,960	\$109,300	All social workers not listed separately.
Health Education Specialists	21-1091	30	\$22.45	\$23.91	\$26.82	\$28.56	\$34.99	\$35.07	\$46,690	\$49,740	\$55,790	\$59,400	\$72,780	\$72,940	Provide and manage health education programs that help individuals, families, and their communities maximize and maintain healthy lifestyles. Use data to identify community needs prior to planning, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating programs design
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	21-1092	50	\$23.70	\$24.78	\$30.55	\$30.87	\$33.75	\$37.76	\$49,300	\$51,540	\$63,540	\$64,220	\$70,200	\$78,540	Provide social services to assist in rehabilitation of law offenders in custody or on probation or parole. Make recommendations for actions involving formulation of rehabilitation plan and treatment of offender, including conditional release and educatio
Social and Human Service Assistants	21-1093	150	\$14.37	\$16.39	\$19.18	\$20.24	\$22.50	\$27.02	\$29,880	\$34,090	\$39,890	\$42,100	\$46,800	\$56,210	Assist other social and human service providers in providing client services in a wide variety of fields, such as psychology, rehabilitation, or social work, including support for families. May assist clients in identifying and obtaining available benefi
Community Health Workers	21-1094	70	\$18.48	\$21.04	\$22.19	\$23.00	\$24.49	\$27.54	\$38,440	\$43,750	\$46,150	\$47,840	\$50,950	\$57,280	Promote health within a community by assisting individuals to adopt healthy behaviors. Serve as an advocate for the health needs of individuals by assisting community residents in effectively communicating with healthcare providers or social service agen
Lawyers	23-1011	250	\$33.15	\$38.35	\$48.29	\$53.55	\$60.09	\$86.55	\$68,940	\$79,760	\$100,430	\$111,370	\$124,990	\$180,020	Represent clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, draw up legal documents, or manage or advise clients on legal transactions. May specialize in a single area or may practice broadly in many areas of law
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	23-2011	90	\$25.14	\$27.80	\$28.92	\$30.03	\$33.24	\$34.27	\$52,290	\$57,820	\$60,150	\$62,470	\$69,150	\$71,280	Assist lawyers by investigating facts, preparing legal documents, or researching legal precedent. Conduct research to support a legal proceeding, to formulate a defense, or to initiate legal action. Excludes "Legal Secretaries" (43-6012).

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Business Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1011	30							\$49,180	\$60,560	\$63,560	\$78,310	\$101,700	\$125,540	Teach courses in business administration and management, such as accounting, finance, human resources, labor and industrial relations, marketing, and operations research. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teaching and those who do a combination
Computer Science Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1021	20							\$52,210	\$60,080	\$61,400	\$69,790	\$76,040	\$93,510	Teach courses in computer science. May specialize in a field of computer science, such as the design and function of computers or operations and research analysis. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teaching and those who do a combination of tea
Mathematical Science Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1022	20							\$51,430	\$61,130	\$61,130	\$66,510	\$78,170	\$78,170	Teach courses pertaining to mathematical concepts, statistics, and actuarial science and to the application of original and standardized mathematical techniques in solving specific problems and situations. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teac
Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1042	20							\$62,380	\$63,590	\$75,170	\$72,540	\$76,150	\$83,520	Teach courses in biological sciences. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teaching and those who do a combination of teaching and research.
Psychology Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1066	10							\$52,560	\$59,790	\$62,240	\$70,770	\$77,830	\$105,220	Teach courses in psychology, such as child, clinical, and developmental psychology, and psychological counseling. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teaching and those who do a combination of teaching and research.
Sociology Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1067	10							\$49,350	\$58,380	\$58,380	\$65,660	\$77,310	\$91,260	Teach courses in sociology. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teaching and those who do a combination of teaching and research.
Education Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1081	40							\$51,920	\$59,920	\$59,920	\$62,720	\$60,860	\$72,400	Teach courses pertaining to education, such as counseling, curriculum, guidance, instruction, teacher education, and teaching English as a second language. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teaching and those who do a combination of teaching an
Social Work Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1113	20							\$49,870	\$51,450	\$59,240	\$56,790	\$59,240	\$59,240	Teach courses in social work. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teaching and those who do a combination of teaching and research.
Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1121	20							\$50,590	\$61,240	\$62,050	\$64,830	\$77,440	\$79,830	Teach courses in drama, music, and the arts including fine and applied art, such as painting and sculpture, or design and crafts. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teaching and those who do a combination of teaching and research.
Communications Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1122	10							\$49,760	\$58,780	\$62,830	\$62,430	\$62,830	\$73,490	Teach courses in communications, such as organizational communications, public relations, radio/television broadcasting, and journalism. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teaching and those who do a combination of teaching and research.
English Language and Literature Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1123	20							\$48,820	\$48,820	\$60,500	\$64,220	\$75,510	\$91,300	Teach courses in English language and literature, including linguistics and comparative literature. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teaching and those who do a combination of teaching and research.
Career/Technical Education Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1194	10	\$19.47	\$24.40	\$27.69	\$28.73	\$35.07	\$35.07	\$40,490	\$50,740	\$57,590	\$59,750	\$72,940	\$72,940	Teach vocational courses intended to provide occupational training below the baccalaureate level in subjects such as construction, mechanics/repair, manufacturing, transportation, or cosmetology, primarily to students who have graduated from or left high
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	25-2011	240	\$14.45	\$16.16	\$19.58	\$19.75	\$22.78	\$26.60	\$30,050	\$33,620	\$40,720	\$41,080	\$47,370	\$55,340	Instruct preschool-aged students, following curricula or lesson plans, in activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth. Excludes "Special Education Teachers" (25-2050), "Substitute Teachers, Short-Term" (25-3031), and "Childca
Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	25-2012	140							\$46,790	\$48,240	\$49,870	\$51,980	\$58,500	\$60,510	Teach academic and social skills to kindergarten students. Excludes "Special Education Teachers" (25-2050) and "Substitute Teachers, Short-Term" (25-3031).

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Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	25-2021	1,000							\$47,760	\$48,930	\$53,350	\$54,120	\$59,050	\$60,180	Teach academic and social skills to students at the elementary school level. Excludes "Special Education Teachers" (25-2050) and "Substitute Teachers, Short-Term" (25-3031).
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	25-2022	410							\$47,930	\$49,360	\$57,120	\$54,630	\$58,920	\$59,710	Teach one or more subjects to students at the middle, intermediate, or junior high school level. Excludes "Career/Technical Education Teachers, Middle School" (25-2023), "Special Education Teachers" (25-2050), and "Substitute Teachers, Short Term" (25-30
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	25-2031	800							\$47,140	\$48,740	\$54,380	\$54,270	\$59,820	\$60,690	Teach one or more subjects to students at the secondary school level. Excludes "Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School" (25-2032), "Special Education Teachers" (25-2050), and "Substitute Teachers, Short-Term" (25-3031).
Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School	25-2032	90							\$49,790	\$52,150	\$57,130	\$56,390	\$60,170	\$62,580	Teach occupational, vocational, career, or technical subjects to students at the secondary school level. Excludes "Special Education Teachers" (25-2050), and "Substitute Teachers, Short-Term" (25-3031).
Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten and Elementary School	25-2052	170							\$46,420	\$48,240	\$50,650	\$53,010	\$59,070	\$60,240	Teach elementary school subjects to educationally and physically handicapped students. Includes teachers who specialize and work with audibly and visually handicapped students and those who teach basic academic and life processes skills to the mentally i
Special Education Teachers, Middle School	25-2057	60							\$47,010	\$51,360	\$56,940	\$55,270	\$59,420	\$60,120	Teach academic, social, and life skills to middle school students with learning, emotional, or physical disabilities. Includes teachers who specialize and work with students who are blind or have visual impairments; students who are deaf or have hearing
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	25-2058	130							\$45,540	\$47,720	\$54,810	\$53,970	\$57,950	\$64,460	Teach academic, social, and life skills to secondary school students with learning, emotional, or physical disabilities. Includes teachers who specialize and work with students who are blind or have visual impairments; students who are deaf or have heari
Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, and English as a Second Language Instructors	25-3011	30	\$16.63	\$16.82	\$25.34	\$23.22	\$27.92	\$30.58	\$34,590	\$34,990	\$52,700	\$48,300	\$58,080	\$63,610	Teach or instruct out-of-school youths and adults in basic education, literacy, or English as a Second Language classes, or in classes for earning a high school equivalency credential.
Self-Enrichment Teachers	25-3021	20	\$13.64	\$21.86	\$23.90	\$25.76	\$32.63	\$32.73	\$28,360	\$45,470	\$49,720	\$53,570	\$67,870	\$68,080	Teach or instruct individuals or groups for the primary purpose of self-enrichment or recreation, rather than for an occupational objective, educational attainment, competition, or fitness. Excludes "Coaches and Scouts" (27-2022) and "Exercise Trainers a
Substitute Teachers, Short-Term	25-3031	440	\$12.09	\$12.60	\$12.96	\$14.40	\$14.56	\$23.63	\$25,150	\$26,210	\$26,950	\$29,960	\$30,290	\$49,150	Teach students on a short-term basis as a temporary replacement for a regular classroom teacher, typically using the regular teacher's lesson plan. Excludes long-term substitute teachers who perform all the duties of a regular teacher; these teachers are
Tutors	25-3041	20	\$14.10	\$18.81	\$19.02	\$22.15	\$30.05	\$30.05	\$29,320	\$39,120	\$39,560	\$46,080	\$62,510	\$62,510	Instruct individual students or small groups of students in academic subjects to support formal class instruction or to prepare students for standardized or admissions tests. Excludes "Postsecondary Teachers" (25-1000), "Elementary, Middle, Secondary, an
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	25-3099	50							\$64,770	\$68,180	\$84,950	\$86,280	\$106,100	\$114,860	All teachers and instructors not listed separately.
Curators	25-4012	10	\$25.05	\$28.01	\$37.93	\$36.92	\$46.05	\$47.31	\$52,100	\$58,250	\$78,890	\$76,800	\$95,780	\$98,410	Administer collections, such as artwork, collectibles, historic items, or scientific specimens of museums or other institutions. May conduct instructional, research, or public service activities of institution.
Librarians and Media Collections Specialists	25-4022	110	\$17.18	\$18.16	\$22.88	\$23.68	\$27.61	\$32.74	\$35,730	\$37,760	\$47,600	\$49,260	\$57,430	\$68,100	Administer and maintain libraries or collections of information, for public or private access through reference or borrowing. Work in a variety of settings, such as educational institutions, museums, and corporations, and with various types of informatio

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Library Technicians	25-4031	200	\$12.54	\$12.61	\$13.36	\$14.64	\$14.67	\$19.76	\$26,070	\$26,220	\$27,800	\$30,450	\$30,520	\$41,100	Assist librarians by helping readers in the use of library catalogs, databases, and indexes to locate books and other materials; and by answering questions that require only brief consultation of standard reference. Compile records; sort and shelf books
Instructional Coordinators	25-9031	90	\$22.19	\$24.19	\$28.97	\$31.04	\$37.18	\$43.08	\$46,150	\$50,320	\$60,260	\$64,560	\$77,330	\$89,610	Develop instructional material, coordinate educational content, and incorporate current technology into instruction in order to provide guidelines to educators and instructors for developing curricula and conducting courses. May train and coach teachers.
Teaching Assistants, Postsecondary	25-9044	30							\$36,040	\$44,220	\$44,220	\$42,600	\$44,990	\$45,950	Assist faculty or other instructional staff in postsecondary institutions by performing instructional support activities, such as developing teaching materials, leading discussion groups, preparing and giving examinations, and grading examinations or pap
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary	25-9045	1,220							\$25,410	\$27,870	\$29,130	\$31,260	\$34,980	\$36,830	
Educational Instruction and Library Workers, All Other	25-9099	60	\$22.89	\$25.21	\$31.22	\$28.45	\$31.22	\$31.22	\$47,610	\$52,440	\$64,940	\$59,170	\$64,940	\$64,940	All educational instruction and library workers not listed separately.
Graphic Designers	27-1024	40	\$16.34	\$17.50	\$20.18	\$22.10	\$25.95	\$28.36	\$33,990	\$36,400	\$41,980	\$45,970	\$53,980	\$58,980	Design or create graphics to meet specific commercial or promotional needs, such as packaging, displays, or logos. May use a variety of mediums to achieve artistic or decorative effects. Excludes "Web and Digital Interface Designers" (15-1255).
Producers and Directors	27-2012	10	\$19.31	\$24.72	\$30.34	\$32.87	\$34.80	\$57.06	\$40,170	\$51,420	\$63,100	\$68,370	\$72,390	\$118,680	Produce or direct stage, television, radio, video, or film productions for entertainment, information, or instruction. Responsible for creative decisions, such as interpretation of script, choice of actors or guests, set design, sound, special effects, a
Coaches and Scouts	27-2022	180							\$28,390	\$30,600	\$36,090	\$40,400	\$46,110	\$57,680	Instruct or coach groups or individuals in the fundamentals of sports for the primary purpose of competition. Demonstrate techniques and methods of participation. May evaluate athletes' strengths and weaknesses as possible recruits or to improve the athl
Broadcast Announcers and Radio Disc Jockeys	27-3011	30	\$12.25	\$14.18	\$14.18	\$17.11	\$19.53	\$24.53	\$25,480	\$29,500	\$29,500	\$35,590	\$40,630	\$51,020	Speak or read from scripted materials, such as news reports or commercial messages, on radio, television, or other communications media. May play and queue music, announce artist or title of performance, identify station, or interview guests. Excludes "N
News Analysts, Reporters, and Journalists	27-3023	40	\$14.61	\$17.08	\$18.42	\$19.01	\$21.15	\$22.06	\$30,390	\$35,520	\$38,310	\$39,530	\$43,990	\$45,880	Narrate or write news stories, reviews, or commentary for print, broadcast, or other communications media such as newspapers, magazines, radio, or television. May collect and analyze information through interview, investigation, or observation.
Public Relations Specialists	27-3031	40	\$20.70	\$26.58	\$31.01	\$32.65	\$38.97	\$43.86	\$43,060	\$55,290	\$64,500	\$67,920	\$81,060	\$91,220	Promote or create an intended public image for individuals, groups, or organizations. May write or select material for release to various communications media. May specialize in using social media.
Editors	27-3041	30	\$23.87	\$26.97	\$27.28	\$27.70	\$28.85	\$31.94	\$49,650	\$56,090	\$56,730	\$57,610	\$60,000	\$66,440	Plan, coordinate, revise, or edit written material. May review proposals and drafts for possible publication.
Interpreters and Translators	27-3091	20	\$18.93	\$18.93	\$30.15	\$25.92	\$30.24	\$30.24	\$39,380	\$39,380	\$62,720	\$53,920	\$62,890	\$62,890	Interpret oral or sign language, or translate written text from one language into another.
Photographers	27-4021	50	\$14.68	\$16.87	\$21.10	\$20.35	\$24.78	\$24.83	\$30,540	\$35,090	\$43,890	\$42,330	\$51,540	\$51,640	Photograph people, landscapes, merchandise, or other subjects. May use lighting equipment to enhance a subject's appearance. May use editing software to produce finished images and prints. Includes commercial and industrial photographers, scientific phot
Chiropractors	29-1011	40	\$28.10	\$28.11	\$36.59	\$38.63	\$43.54	\$51.32	\$58,460	\$58,460	\$76,100	\$80,350	\$90,560	\$106,750	Assess, treat, and care for patients by manipulation of spine and musculoskeletal system. May provide spinal adjustment or address sacral or pelvic misalignment.

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Dentists, General	29-1021	50	\$46.18	\$47.81	\$61.67	\$63.56	\$78.88	\$87.93	\$96,040	\$99,440	\$128,270	\$132,200	\$164,070	\$182,880	Examine, diagnose, and treat diseases, injuries, and malformations of teeth and gums. May treat diseases of nerve, pulp, and other dental tissues affecting oral hygiene and retention of teeth. May fit dental appliances or provide preventive care. Exclude
Dentists, All Other Specialists	29-1029	10	\$87.43	\$101.24	\$117.28	\$126.44	\$128.76	\$196.79	\$181,850	\$210,580	\$243,930	\$263,000	\$267,820	\$409,320	All dentists not listed separately.
Dietitians and Nutritionists	29-1031	20	\$22.44	\$29.10	\$33.08	\$35.16	\$41.47	\$48.28	\$46,670	\$60,530	\$68,810	\$73,130	\$86,260	\$100,420	Plan and conduct food service or nutritional programs to assist in the promotion of health and control of disease. May supervise activities of a department providing quantity food services, counsel individuals, or conduct nutritional research
Optometrists	29-1041	30	\$41.82	\$44.63	\$51.25	\$60.93	\$77.60	\$84.76	\$86,990	\$92,830	\$106,600	\$126,720	\$161,410	\$176,300	Diagnose, manage, and treat conditions and diseases of the human eye and visual system. Examine eyes and visual system, diagnose problems or impairments, prescribe corrective lenses, and provide treatment. May prescribe therapeutic drugs to treat specific
Pharmacists	29-1051	130	\$60.94	\$64.42	\$67.28	\$67.95	\$72.24	\$78.95	\$126,760	\$133,990	\$139,950	\$141,340	\$150,250	\$164,220	Dispense drugs prescribed by physicians and other health practitioners and provide information to patients about medications and their use. May advise physicians and other health practitioners on the selection, dosage, interactions, and side effects of m
Physician Assistants	29-1071	70	\$47.85	\$55.17	\$66.69	\$66.74	\$74.58	\$78.90	\$99,520	\$114,750	\$138,720	\$138,820	\$155,120	\$164,120	Provide healthcare services typically performed by a physician, under the supervision of a physician. Conduct complete physicals, provide treatment, and counsel patients. May, in some cases, prescribe medication. Must graduate from an accredited educatio
Occupational Therapists	29-1122	40	\$32.49	\$37.59	\$41.99	\$40.83	\$43.45	\$46.77	\$67,580	\$78,200	\$87,350	\$84,930	\$90,380	\$97,290	Assess, plan, and organize rehabilitative programs that help build or restore vocational, homemaking, and daily living skills, as well as general independence, to persons with disabilities or developmental delays. Use therapeutic techniques. adapt the in
Physical Therapists	29-1123	110	\$37.05	\$40.07	\$44.44	\$44.66	\$49.11	\$52.50	\$77,060	\$83,340	\$92,440	\$92,880	\$102,140	\$109,200	Assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury.
Respiratory Therapists	29-1126	20	\$31.92	\$32.35	\$33.00	\$34.25	\$33.01	\$41.04	\$66,390	\$67,280	\$68,650	\$71,230	\$68,650	\$85,350	Assess, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders. Assume primary responsibility for all respiratory care modalities, including the supervision of respiratory therapy technicians. Initiate and conduct therapeutic procedures; maintain patient
Speech-Language Pathologists	29-1127	40	\$24.36	\$29.41	\$32.16	\$34.25	\$39.58	\$46.78	\$50,680	\$61,180	\$66,900	\$71,230	\$82,330	\$97,300	Assess and treat persons with speech, language, voice, and fluency disorders. May select alternative communication systems and teach their use. May perform research related to speech and language problems.
Veterinarians	29-1131	60	\$29.63	\$35.96	\$42.16	\$45.85	\$55.37	\$65.63	\$61,640	\$74,800	\$87,700	\$95,370	\$115,160	\$136,500	Diagnose, treat, or research diseases and injuries of animals. Includes veterinarians who conduct research and development, inspect livestock, or care for pets and companion animals.
Registered Nurses	29-1141	1,540	\$28.20	\$30.85	\$38.52	\$38.25	\$45.04	\$48.44	\$58,650	\$64,170	\$80,120	\$79,560	\$93,680	\$100,750	Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records. Administer nursing care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients. May advise patients on health maintenance and disease preventio
Nurse Practitioners	29-1171	110	\$49.76	\$54.78	\$64.49	\$63.01	\$72.42	\$83.10	\$103,500	\$113,930	\$134,130	\$131,060	\$150,640	\$172,860	Diagnose and treat acute, episodic, or chronic illness, independently or as part of a healthcare team. May focus on health promotion and disease prevention. May order, perform, or interpret diagnostic tests such as lab work and x rays. May prescribe medi
Emergency Medicine Physicians	29-1214	10	\$110.62	\$117.48	\$130.18	\$127.87	\$130.18	\$157.65	\$230,090	\$244,370	\$270,770	\$265,970	\$270,770	\$327,900	Make immediate medical decisions and act to prevent death or further disability. Provide immediate recognition, evaluation, care, stabilization, and disposition of patients. May direct emergency medical staff in an emergency department.

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Family Medicine Physicians	29-1215	50	\$89.24	\$102.43	\$135.41	\$139.15	\$155.00	\$184.61	\$185,620	\$213,050	\$281,640	\$289,440	\$322,400	\$384,000	Diagnose, treat, and provide preventive care to individuals and families across the lifespan. May refer patients to specialists when needed for further diagnosis or treatment. Excludes "General Internal Medicine Physicians" (29-1216) and "Pediatricians,
General Internal Medicine Physicians	29-1216	10	\$102.20	\$131.73	\$169.29	\$164.28	\$210.34	\$210.35	\$212,570	\$274,000	\$352,120	\$341,700	\$437,520	\$437,520	Diagnose and provide nonsurgical treatment for a wide range of diseases and injuries of internal organ systems. Provide care mainly for adults and adolescents, and are based primarily in an outpatient care setting. Excludes "Family Medicine Physicians" (
Physicians, All Other	29-1229	40													All physicians not listed separately.
Dental Hygienists	29-1292	80	\$36.74	\$39.74	\$44.87	\$42.76	\$47.01	\$47.13	\$76,430	\$82,670	\$93,330	\$88,930	\$97,770	\$98,020	Administer oral hygiene care to patients. Assess patient oral hygiene problems or needs and maintain health records. Advise patients on oral health maintenance and disease prevention. May provide advanced care such as providing fluoride treatment or admi
Healthcare Diagnosing or Treating Practitioners, All Other	29-1299	10	\$39.10	\$40.28	\$49.70	\$48.61	\$57.42	\$59.95	\$81,330	\$83,780	\$103,380	\$101,120	\$119,430	\$124,690	All healthcare diagnosing or treating practitioners not listed separately.
Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians	29-2010	140	\$23.73	\$25.93	\$31.83	\$33.80	\$39.00	\$52.31	\$49,360	\$53,930	\$66,210	\$70,300	\$81,130	\$108,800	
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	29-2032	20	\$27.41	\$31.29	\$38.19	\$36.78	\$40.97	\$46.58	\$57,000	\$65,080	\$79,440	\$76,500	\$85,230	\$96,890	Produce ultrasonic recordings of internal organs for use by physicians. Includes vascular technologists. Excludes "Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians" (29-2031).
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	29-2034	130	\$26.48	\$30.17	\$36.81	\$35.61	\$40.17	\$43.13	\$55,070	\$62,750	\$76,560	\$74,060	\$83,550	\$89,710	Take x-rays and CAT scans or administer nonradioactive materials into patient's bloodstream for diagnostic or research purposes. Includes radiologic technologists and technicians who specialize in other scanning modalities. Excludes "Diagnostic Medical S
Emergency Medical Technicians	29-2042	220	\$14.88	\$15.68	\$18.34	\$19.02	\$21.54	\$24.24	\$30,950	\$32,610	\$38,150	\$39,550	\$44,810	\$50,410	Assess injuries and illnesses and administer basic emergency medical care. May transport injured or sick persons to medical facilities. Excludes "Paramedics" (29-2043), "Firefighters" (33-2011), and "Ambulance Drivers and Attendants, Except Emergency Med
Paramedics	29-2043	70	\$19.11	\$20.54	\$20.55	\$21.83	\$23.61	\$25.52	\$39,750	\$42,730	\$42,740	\$45,410	\$49,110	\$53,090	Administer basic or advanced emergency medical care and assess injuries and illnesses. May administer medication intravenously, use equipment such as EKGs, or administer advanced life support to sick or injured individuals. Excludes "Emergency Medical Te
Pharmacy Technicians	29-2052	140	\$17.89	\$18.64	\$22.51	\$23.34	\$25.72	\$31.37	\$37,220	\$38,770	\$46,820	\$48,540	\$53,490	\$65,250	Prepare medications under the direction of a pharmacist. May measure, mix, count out, label, and record amounts and dosages of <u>medications according to prescription orders.</u>
Surgical Technologists	29-2055	50	\$18.06	\$23.48	\$26.29	\$28.48	\$32.18	\$39.88	\$37,570	\$48,830	\$54,680	\$59,240	\$66,930	\$82,960	Assist in operations, under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel. May help set up operating room, prepare and transport patients for surgery, adjust lights and equipment, pass instruments and other supplies to surge
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	29-2056	70	\$17.28	\$18.37	\$21.19	\$20.93	\$22.24	\$24.53	\$35,950	\$38,210	\$44,070	\$43,540	\$46,260	\$51,020	Perform medical tests in a laboratory environment for use in the treatment and diagnosis of diseases in animals. Prepare vaccines and serums for prevention of diseases. Prepare tissue samples, take blood samples, and execute laboratory tests, such as uri
Ophthalmic Medical Technicians	29-2057	30	\$16.10	\$16.90	\$19.67	\$20.22	\$21.52	\$26.23	\$33,490	\$35,160	\$40,920	\$42,050	\$44,770	\$54,550	Assist ophthalmologists by performing ophthalmic clinical functions. May administer eye exams, administer eye medications, and instruct the patient in care and use of corrective lenses.
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	29-2061	210	\$19.12	\$22.92	\$26.70	\$26.48	\$30.15	\$34.75	\$39,780	\$47,680	\$55,530	\$55,070	\$62,700	\$72,280	Care for ill, injured, or convalescing patients or persons with disabilities in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse. Licensing required.

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Medical Records Specialists	29-2072	130	\$20.03	\$22.62	\$27.29	\$26.95	\$30.21	\$34.58	\$41,660	\$47,050	\$56,770	\$56,060	\$62,830	\$71,930	Compile, process, and maintain medical records of hospital and clinic patients in a manner consistent with medical, administrative, ethical, legal, and regulatory requirements of the healthcare system. Classify medical and healthcare concepts, including
Opticians, Dispensing	29-2081	50	\$17.80	\$18.59	\$20.82	\$20.61	\$22.77	\$23.49	\$37,020	\$38,670	\$43,310	\$42,860	\$47,360	\$48,850	Design, measure, fit, and adapt lenses and frames for client according to written optical prescription or specification. Assist client with inserting, removing, and caring for contact lenses. Assist client with selecting frames. Measure customer for size
Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	29-2099	10	\$19.38	\$19.58	\$23.46	\$22.51	\$24.35	\$25.33	\$40,300	\$40,730	\$48,800	\$46,820	\$50,650	\$52,680	All health technologists and technicians not listed separately.
Health Information Technologists and Medical Registrars	29-9021	10	\$20.58	\$24.29	\$30.90	\$31.51	\$35.88	\$43.75	\$42,810	\$50,530	\$64,280	\$65,540	\$74,630	\$90,990	Apply knowledge of healthcare and information systems to assist in the design, development, and continued modification and analysis of computerized healthcare systems. Abstract, collect, and analyze treatment and followup information of patients. May edu
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	31-1120	570	\$16.00	\$17.08	\$17.74	\$18.24	\$19.22	\$21.13	\$33,280	\$35,530	\$36,900	\$37,940	\$39,980	\$43,950	Provide or assist with basic care or support under the direction of onsite licensed nursing staff. Perform duties such as monitoring of health status, feeding, bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, or ambulation of patients in a health or nursing facil
Nursing Assistants	31-1131	710	\$14.79	\$17.68	\$18.02	\$19.04	\$21.48	\$22.94	\$30,760	\$36,770	\$37,490	\$39,610	\$44,690	\$47,710	
Physical Therapist Assistants	31-2021	30	\$17.54	\$22.83	\$23.96	\$24.89	\$27.43	\$31.06	\$36,490	\$47,490	\$49,830	\$51,770	\$57,060	\$64,600	Assist physical therapists in providing physical therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with State laws, assist in the development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, document the progress of treatment, and modify specific tre
Dental Assistants	31-9091	160	\$17.30	\$21.56	\$22.78	\$23.21	\$24.96	\$28.97	\$35,980	\$44,850	\$47,380	\$48,290	\$51,920	\$60,250	Perform limited clinical duties under the direction of a dentist. Clinical duties may include equipment preparation and sterilization, preparing patients for treatment, assisting the dentist during treatment, and providing patients with instructions for
Medical Assistants	31-9092	130	\$17.11	\$17.79	\$18.98	\$19.81	\$21.96	\$24.05	\$35,590	\$37,010	\$39,480	\$41,200	\$45,690	\$50,030	Perform administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of a physician. Administrative duties may include scheduling appointments, maintaining medical records, billing, and coding information for insurance purposes. Clinical duties may inc
Medical Equipment Preparers	31-9093	30	\$18.31	\$20.35	\$21.32	\$22.26	\$25.77	\$25.77	\$38,080	\$42,330	\$44,350	\$46,290	\$53,600	\$53,600	Prepare, sterilize, install, or clean laboratory or healthcare equipment. May perform routine laboratory tasks and operate or inspect equipment.
Medical Transcriptionists	31-9094	30	\$18.67	\$21.01	\$22.15	\$22.84	\$24.78	\$28.79	\$38,820	\$43,690	\$46,070	\$47,500	\$51,540	\$59,870	Transcribe medical reports recorded by physicians and other healthcare practitioners using various electronic devices, covering office visits, emergency room visits, diagnostic imaging studies, operations, chart reviews, and final summaries. Transcribe d
Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	31-9096	70	\$13.69	\$13.94	\$16.32	\$15.51	\$16.96	\$17.57	\$28,470	\$29,000	\$33,940	\$32,260	\$35,270	\$36,550	Feed, water, and examine pets and other nonfarm animals for signs of illness, disease, or injury in laboratories and animal hospitals and clinics. Clean and disinfect cages and work areas, and sterilize laboratory and surgical equipment. May provide rout
Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	31-9099	70	\$19.39	\$20.68	\$24.49	\$25.42	\$28.82	\$32.31	\$40,330	\$43,010	\$50,940	\$52,880	\$59,950	\$67,200	All healthcare support workers not listed separately.
First-Line Supervisors of Correctional Officers	33-1011	20	\$29.76	\$29.78	\$35.81	\$35.35	\$37.34	\$42.70	\$61,890	\$61,940	\$74,480	\$73,530	\$77,660	\$88,820	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of correctional officers and jailers.
First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	33-1012	50	\$34.10	\$35.59	\$37.41	\$42.82	\$45.55	\$58.46	\$70,930	\$74,020	\$77,810	\$89,060	\$94,750	\$121,600	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of members of police force.
First-Line Supervisors of Firefighting and Prevention Workers	33-1021	10	\$27.00	\$31.33	\$34.33	\$35.35	\$37.91	\$42.03	\$56,160	\$65,170	\$71,410	\$73,520	\$78,850	\$87,410	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in firefighting and fire prevention and control.
First-Line Supervisors of Security Workers	33-1091	20	\$17.48	\$19.29	\$22.27	\$24.12	\$28.74	\$32.67	\$36,360	\$40,130	\$46,310	\$50,180	\$59,770	\$67,960	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of security workers and security guards.

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Firefighters	33-2011	90	\$16.55	\$18.94	\$22.47	\$22.13	\$22.53	\$28.28	\$34,430	\$39,380	\$46,730	\$46,030	\$46,850	\$58,820	Control and extinguish fires or respond to emergency situations where life, property, or the environment is at risk. Duties may include fire prevention, emergency medical service, hazardous material response, search and rescue and disaster assistance.
Correctional Officers and Jailers	33-3012	320	\$17.20	\$22.57	\$23.37	\$24.24	\$26.81	\$31.65	\$35,780	\$46,940	\$48,610	\$50,420	\$55,760	\$65,830	Guard inmates in penal or rehabilitative institutions in accordance with established regulations and procedures. May guard prisoners in transit between jail, courtroom, prison, or other point. Includes deputy sheriffs and police who spend the majority of
Detectives and Criminal Investigators	33-3021	50	\$28.98	\$29.19	\$30.34	\$38.07	\$44.43	\$63.91	\$60,270	\$60,710	\$63,110	\$79,180	\$92,410	\$132,930	Conduct investigations related to suspected violations of federal, state, or local laws to prevent or solve crimes. Excludes "Private Detectives and Investigators" (33-9021).
Fish and Game Wardens	33-3031	40	\$17.87	\$17.87	\$30.26	\$29.01	\$34.08	\$41.23	\$37,170	\$37,170	\$62,940	\$60,350	\$70,890	\$85,760	Patrol assigned area to prevent fish and game law violations. Investigate reports of damage to crops or property by wildlife. Compile biological data.
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	33-3051	560	\$22.03	\$23.38	\$28.58	\$27.39	\$29.67	\$34.61	\$45,810	\$48,620	\$59,450	\$56,970	\$61,710	\$72,000	Maintain order and protect life and property by enforcing local, tribal, State, or Federal laws and ordinances. Perform a combination of the following duties: patrol a specific area; direct traffic; issue traffic summonses; investigate accidents; apprehend
Animal Control Workers	33-9011	10	\$15.71	\$15.71	\$18.72	\$19.04	\$22.07	\$23.77	\$32,670	\$32,670	\$38,930	\$39,590	\$45,900	\$49,440	Handle animals for the purpose of investigations of mistreatment, or control of abandoned, dangerous, or unattended animals.
Gambling Surveillance Officers and Gambling Investigators	33-9031	50	\$13.32	\$14.32	\$15.19	\$16.25	\$17.12	\$20.85	\$27,710	\$29,780	\$31,600	\$33,800	\$35,610	\$43,370	Observe gambling operation for irregular activities such as cheating or theft by either employees or patrons. Investigate potential threats to gambling assets such as money, chips, and gambling equipment. Act as oversight and security agent for management
Security Guards	33-9032	250	\$13.35	\$14.35	\$16.51	\$17.75	\$18.92	\$24.22	\$27,770	\$29,850	\$34,340	\$36,910	\$39,360	\$50,380	Guard, patrol, or monitor premises to prevent theft, violence, or infractions of rules. May operate x-ray and metal detector equipment. Excludes "Police Officers" (33-3050) and "Transportation Security Screeners" (33-9093)
Lifeguards, Ski Patrol, and Other Recreational Protective Service Workers	33-9092	100	\$11.58	\$13.38	\$14.81	\$14.16	\$14.90	\$16.03	\$24,080	\$27,820	\$30,810	\$29,460	\$30,990	\$33,350	Monitor recreational areas, such as pools, beaches, or ski slopes, to provide assistance and protection to participants.
Protective Service Workers, All Other	33-9099	30	\$17.01	\$19.39	\$19.39	\$22.44	\$24.01	\$31.33	\$35,380	\$40,330	\$40,330	\$46,680	\$49,940	\$65,170	All protective service workers not listed separately.
Chefs and Head Cooks	35-1011	60	\$15.45	\$17.55	\$21.64	\$22.81	\$26.99	\$30.04	\$32,130	\$36,510	\$45,010	\$47,450	\$56,130	\$62,480	Direct and may participate in the preparation, seasoning, and cooking of salads, soups, fish, meats, vegetables, desserts, or other foods. May plan and price menu items, order supplies, and keep records and accounts.
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	35-1012	400	\$15.15	\$17.37	\$19.06	\$19.60	\$21.82	\$22.97	\$31,500	\$36,130	\$39,650	\$40,760	\$45,390	\$47,770	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in preparing and serving food.
Cooks, Fast Food	35-2011	160	\$11.78	\$13.96	\$14.62	\$14.71	\$15.89	\$16.76	\$24,500	\$29,030	\$30,400	\$30,590	\$33,040	\$34,860	Prepare and cook food in a fast food restaurant with a limited menu. Duties of these cooks are limited to preparation of a few basic items and normally involve operating large-volume single-purpose cooking equipment.
Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	35-2012	510	\$14.32	\$14.78	\$17.42	\$18.16	\$19.76	\$23.16	\$29,780	\$30,730	\$36,230	\$37,760	\$41,090	\$48,170	Prepare and cook large quantities of food for institutions, such as schools, hospitals, or cafeterias.
Cooks, Restaurant	35-2014	320	\$14.30	\$15.04	\$17.35	\$17.34	\$20.30	\$20.85	\$29,740	\$31,290	\$36,080	\$36,070	\$42,220	\$43,360	Prepare, season, and cook dishes such as soups, meats, vegetables, or desserts in restaurants. May order supplies, keep records and accounts, price items on menu, or plan menu.
Cooks, Short Order	35-2015	320	\$13.10	\$13.83	\$14.62	\$15.49	\$16.90	\$18.56	\$27,250	\$28,770	\$30,410	\$32,220	\$35,140	\$38,600	Prepare and cook to order a variety of foods that require only a short preparation time. May take orders from customers and serve patrons at counters or tables. Excludes "Cooks, Fast Food" (35-2011).
Food Preparation Workers	35-2021	470	\$12.37	\$12.84	\$14.24	\$14.63	\$16.13	\$17.33	\$25,720	\$26,710	\$29,610	\$30,420	\$33,540	\$36,040	Perform a variety of food preparation duties other than cooking, such as preparing cold foods and shellfish, slicing meat, and brewing coffee or tea.
Bartenders	35-3011	790	\$13.00	\$13.27	\$13.80	\$14.67	\$14.78	\$17.38	\$27,040	\$27,600	\$28,710	\$30,510	\$30,740	\$36,150	Mix and serve drinks to patrons, directly or through waitstaff.

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Fast Food and Counter Workers	35-3023	1,990	\$13.14	\$13.67	\$13.88	\$14.42	\$14.31	\$16.83	\$27,340	\$28,440	\$28,870	\$29,990	\$29,770	\$35,010	Perform duties such as taking orders and serving food and beverages. Serve customers at counter or from a steam table. May take payment. May prepare food and beverages. Counter attendants who also wait tables are included in "Waiters and Waitresses" (35-
Waiters and Waitresses	35-3031	1,110	\$12.70	\$12.99	\$13.33	\$13.72	\$13.63	\$14.96	\$26,420	\$27,020	\$27,730	\$28,530	\$28,340	\$31,120	Take orders and serve food and beverages to patrons at tables in dining establishment. Excludes "Fast Food and Counter Workers" (35-3023).
Food Servers, Nonrestaurant	35-3041	40	\$12.89	\$12.89	\$14.75	\$14.51	\$15.14	\$16.54	\$26,800	\$26,810	\$30,680	\$30,180	\$31,490	\$34,390	Serve food to individuals outside of a restaurant environment, such as in hotel rooms, hospital rooms, residential care facilities, or cars. Excludes "Fast Food and Counter Workers" (35-3023) and "Door-to-Door Sales Workers, News and Street Vendors, and
Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	35-9011	250	\$12.62	\$13.33	\$13.79	\$14.49	\$14.76	\$16.75	\$26,240	\$27,720	\$28,670	\$30,130	\$30,700	\$34,840	Facilitate food service. Clean tables; remove dirty dishes; replace soiled table linens; set tables; replenish supply of clean linens, silverware, glassware, and dishes; supply service bar with food; and serve items such as water, condiments, and coffee
Dishwashers	35-9021	220	\$11.57	\$12.10	\$12.71	\$13.27	\$13.82	\$16.44	\$24,060	\$25,170	\$26,430	\$27,600	\$28,750	\$34,190	Clean dishes, kitchen, food preparation equipment, or utensils.
Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	35-9031	100	\$12.20	\$14.00	\$14.10	\$14.50	\$14.83	\$16.67	\$25,380	\$29,120	\$29,320	\$30,150	\$30,840	\$34,670	Welcome patrons, seat them at tables or in lounge, and help ensure quality of facilities and service.
First-Line Supervisors of Housekeeping and Janitorial Workers	37-1011	130	\$16.33	\$17.67	\$22.14	\$22.04	\$25.32	\$26.88	\$33,960	\$36,750	\$46,060	\$45,850	\$52,670	\$55,910	Directly supervise and coordinate work activities of cleaning personnel in hotels, hospitals, offices, and other establishments.
First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping, Lawn Service, and Groundskeeping Workers	37-1012	40	\$19.26	\$21.30	\$22.75	\$24.77	\$29.20	\$31.32	\$40,060	\$44,300	\$47,320	\$51,520	\$60,740	\$65,150	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in landscaping or groundskeeping activities. Work may involve reviewing contracts to ascertain service, machine, and workforce requirements; answering inquiries from potential customers
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	37-2011	1,350	\$13.81	\$14.79	\$16.94	\$17.37	\$18.49	\$21.89	\$28,730	\$30,770	\$35,230	\$36,140	\$38,460	\$45,540	Keep buildings in clean and orderly condition. Perform heavy cleaning duties, such as cleaning floors, shampooing rugs, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish. Duties may include tending furnace and boiler, performing routine maintenance
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	37-2012	910	\$13.19	\$13.61	\$14.07	\$15.01	\$16.22	\$17.71	\$27,430	\$28,320	\$29,270	\$31,220	\$33,750	\$36,850	Perform any combination of light cleaning duties to maintain private households or commercial establishments, such as hotels and hospitals, in a clean and orderly manner. Duties may include making beds, replenishing linens, cleaning rooms and halls, and
Pest Control Workers	37-2021	20	\$14.33	\$17.91	\$21.76	\$22.61	\$29.24	\$30.41	\$29,810	\$37,240	\$45,270	\$47,030	\$60,830	\$63,240	Apply or release chemical solutions or toxic gases and set traps to kill or remove pests and vermin that infest buildings and surrounding areas.
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	37-3011	400	\$13.75	\$14.09	\$15.70	\$16.34	\$17.96	\$20.75	\$28,590	\$29,300	\$32,660	\$33,980	\$37,350	\$43,160	Landscape or maintain grounds of property using hand or power tools or equipment. Workers typically perform a variety of tasks, which may include any combination of the following: sod laying, mowing, trimming, planting, watering, fertilizing, digging, ra
Pesticide Handlers, Sprayers, and Applicators, Vegetation	37-3012	100	\$17.57	\$18.27	\$22.31	\$21.43	\$23.29	\$24.15	\$36,550	\$38,000	\$46,400	\$44,570	\$48,450	\$50,230	Mix or apply pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, or insecticides through sprays, dusts, vapors, soil incorporation, or chemical application on trees, shrubs, lawns, or crops. Usually requires specific training and state or federal certification. <u>Crop dust</u>
First-Line Supervisors of Gambling Services Workers	39-1013	40	\$19.02	\$19.54	\$22.79	\$22.66	\$23.07	\$24.55	\$39,560	\$40,640	\$47,410	\$47,130	\$47,990	\$51,070	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers in assigned gambling areas. May circulate among tables, observe operations, and ensure that stations and games are covered for each shift. May verify and pay off jackpots. May reset slot machines af
First-Line Supervisors of Entertainment and Recreation Workers, Except Gambling Services	39-1014	40	\$16.47	\$17.30	\$19.79	\$20.29	\$23.23	\$25.00	\$34,260	\$35,990	\$41,160	\$42,210	\$48,320	\$52,000	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of entertainment and recreation related workers.

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First-Line Supervisors of Personal Service Workers	39-1022	40	\$19.23	\$21.62	\$22.55	\$25.24	\$26.12	\$33.96	\$40,000	\$44,970	\$46,900	\$52,500	\$54,330	\$70,650	Supervise and coordinate activities of personal service workers.
Animal Caretakers	39-2021	140	\$11.60	\$13.36	\$13.74	\$14.67	\$15.95	\$17.37	\$24,130	\$27,790	\$28,570	\$30,500	\$33,180	\$36,120	Feed, water, groom, bathe, exercise, or otherwise provide care to promote and maintain the well-being of pets and other animals that are not raised for consumption, such as dogs, cats, race horses, ornamental fish or birds, zoo animals, and mice. Work in
Gambling Dealers	39-3011	130	\$14.77	\$15.01	\$17.36	\$16.87	\$17.55	\$18.55	\$30,720	\$31,220	\$36,110	\$35,090	\$36,510	\$38,580	Operate table games. Stand or sit behind table and operate games of chance by dispensing the appropriate number of cards or blocks to players, or operating other gambling equipment. Distribute winnings or collect players' money or chips. May compare the
Gambling and Sports Book Writers and Runners	39-3012	40	\$13.95	\$13.97	\$14.96	\$15.25	\$16.76	\$17.65	\$29,010	\$29,050	\$31,120	\$31,720	\$34,850	\$36,710	Post information enabling patrons to wager on various races and sporting events. Assist in the operation of games such as keno and bingo. May operate random number-generating equipment and announce the numbers for patrons. Receive, verify, and record pat
Gambling Service Workers, All Other	39-3019	20	\$13.74	\$13.74	\$14.10	\$14.60	\$14.82	\$17.23	\$28,580	\$28,580	\$29,320	\$30,370	\$30,830	\$35,840	All gambling service workers not listed separately.
Ushers, Lobby Attendants, and Ticket Takers	39-3031	40	\$12.34	\$12.37	\$12.92	\$12.87	\$12.93	\$13.50	\$25,670	\$25,720	\$26,880	\$26,760	\$26,900	\$28,080	Assist patrons at entertainment events by performing duties, such as collecting admission tickets and passes from patrons, assisting in finding seats, searching for lost articles, and helping patrons locate such facilities as restrooms and telephones.
Amusement and Recreation Attendants	39-3091	220	\$12.37	\$13.38	\$13.75	\$13.95	\$14.01	\$16.33	\$25,720	\$27,830	\$28,610	\$29,020	\$29,150	\$33,970	Perform a variety of attending duties at amusement or recreation facility. May schedule use of recreation facilities, maintain and provide equipment to participants of sporting events or recreational pursuits, or operate amusement concessions and rides.
Funeral Attendants	39-4021	20	\$14.62	\$15.00	\$17.44	\$18.37	\$22.74	\$22.76	\$30,410	\$31,200	\$36,260	\$38,220	\$47,300	\$47,340	Perform a variety of tasks during funeral, such as placing casket in parlor or chapel prior to service, arranging floral offerings or lights around casket, directing or escorting mourners, closing casket, and issuing and storing funeral equipment.
Morticians, Undertakers, and Funeral Arrangers	39-4031	50	\$21.26	\$21.89	\$22.37	\$25.91	\$28.82	\$37.94	\$44,220	\$45,520	\$46,530	\$53,890	\$59,950	\$78,910	Perform various tasks to arrange and direct individual funeral services, such as coordinating transportation of body to mortuary, interviewing family or other authorized person to arrange details, selecting pallbearers, aiding with the selection of offic
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	39-5012	40	\$17.98	\$22.63	\$23.74	\$24.48	\$27.21	\$30.16	\$37,400	\$47,080	\$49,370	\$50,910	\$56,600	\$62,740	Provide beauty services, such as cutting, coloring, and styling hair, and massaging and treating scalp. May shampoo hair, apply makeup, dress wigs, remove hair, and provide nail and skincare services. Excludes "Makeup Artists, Theatrical and Performance"
Baggage Porters and Bellhops	39-6011	20	\$13.12	\$13.12	\$13.86	\$13.84	\$13.96	\$14.77	\$27,280	\$27,280	\$28,820	\$28,790	\$29,040	\$30,720	Handle baggage for travelers at transportation terminals or for guests at hotels or similar establishments.
Tour and travel guides	39-7010	140	\$14.36	\$16.31	\$16.75	\$17.91	\$18.60	\$21.40	\$29,870	\$33,920	\$34,840	\$37,250	\$38,690	\$44,520	
Childcare Workers	39-9011	400	\$12.73	\$13.21	\$13.63	\$14.01	\$13.87	\$17.30	\$26,470	\$27,480	\$28,360	\$29,140	\$28,840	\$35,990	Attend to children at schools, businesses, private households, and childcare institutions. Perform a variety of tasks, such as dressing, feeding, bathing, and overseeing play. Excludes "Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education" (25-2011) and "Teachin
Exercise Trainers and Group Fitness Instructors	39-9031	70	\$13.00	\$13.15	\$18.68	\$18.86	\$22.02	\$22.42	\$27,050	\$27,350	\$38,860	\$39,220	\$45,800	\$46,630	Instruct or coach groups or individuals in exercise activities for the primary purpose of personal fitness. Demonstrate techniques and form, observe participants, and explain to them corrective measures necessary to improve their skills. Develop and impl

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Recreation Workers	39-9032	120	\$15.31	\$16.90	\$18.57	\$20.46	\$22.52	\$29.07	\$31,840	\$35,140	\$38,630	\$42,550	\$46,830	\$60,470	Conduct recreation activities with groups in public, private, or volunteer agencies or recreation facilities. Organize and promote activities, such as arts and crafts, sports, games, music, dramatics, social recreation, camping, and hobbies, taking into
Residential Advisors	39-9041	240	\$13.65	\$14.78	\$17.91	\$18.25	\$18.81	\$23.98	\$28,390	\$30,750	\$37,260	\$37,950	\$39,110	\$49,890	Coordinate activities in resident facilities in secondary and college dormitories, group homes, or similar establishments. Order supplies and determine need for maintenance, repairs, and furnishings. May maintain household records and assign rooms. May a
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	41-1011	560	\$17.93	\$21.70	\$26.44	\$28.30	\$32.34	\$39.87	\$37,290	\$45,130	\$54,990	\$58,860	\$67,280	\$82,920	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of retail sales workers in an establishment or department. Duties may include management functions, such as purchasing, budgeting, accounting, and personnel work, in addition to supervisory duties.
First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail Sales Workers	41-1012	40	\$30.78	\$38.64	\$51.99	\$59.09	\$76.77	\$87.25	\$64,010	\$80,370	\$108,140	\$122,910	\$159,680	\$181,470	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of sales workers other than retail sales workers. May perform duties such as budgeting, accounting, and personnel work, in addition to supervisory duties.
Cashiers	41-2011	2,610	\$13.13	\$13.49	\$14.08	\$14.78	\$16.43	\$17.05	\$27,320	\$28,060	\$29,290	\$30,740	\$34,170	\$35,460	Receive and disburse money in establishments other than financial institutions. May use electronic scanners, cash registers, or related equipment. May process credit or debit card transactions and validate checks. Excludes "Gaming Cage Persons and Booth
Gambling Change Persons and Booth Cashiers	41-2012	190	\$13.53	\$14.26	\$16.65	\$15.98	\$17.89	\$18.17	\$28,140	\$29,650	\$34,620	\$33,240	\$37,200	\$37,790	Exchange coins, tokens, and chips for patrons' money. May issue payoffs and obtain customer's signature on receipt. May operate a booth in the slot machine area and furnish change persons with money bank at the start of the shift, or count and audit mone
Counter and Rental Clerks	41-2021	90	\$12.19	\$12.91	\$16.49	\$16.67	\$19.59	\$22.09	\$25,360	\$26,860	\$34,310	\$34,660	\$40,740	\$45,950	Receive orders, generally in person, for repairs, rentals, and services. May describe available options, compute cost, and accept payment. Excludes "Fast Food and Counter Workers" (35-3023), "Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks" (43-4081), "Order Clerks
Parts Salespersons	41-2022	250	\$16.85	\$18.12	\$21.41	\$22.02	\$23.85	\$28.85	\$35,040	\$37,680	\$44,540	\$45,800	\$49,600	\$60,000	Sell spare and replacement parts and equipment in repair shop or parts store.
Retail Salespersons	41-2031	1,440	\$13.11	\$13.90	\$16.31	\$19.31	\$20.78	\$30.74	\$27,270	\$28,920	\$33,920	\$40,170	\$43,220	\$63,950	Sell merchandise, such as furniture, motor vehicles, appliances, or apparel to consumers. Excludes "Cashiers" (41-2011).
Advertising Sales Agents	41-3011	40	\$18.14	\$21.04	\$22.68	\$27.58	\$30.61	\$42.69	\$37,720	\$43,770	\$47,170	\$57,360	\$63,670	\$88,790	Sell or solicit advertising space, time, or media in publications, signage, TV, radio, or Internet establishments or public spaces.
Insurance Sales Agents	41-3021	260	\$22.53	\$28.33	\$35.70	\$40.23	\$59.54	\$63.24	\$46,860	\$58,920	\$74,260	\$83,680	\$123,840	\$131,540	Sell life, property, casualty, health, automotive, or other types of insurance. May refer clients to independent brokers, work as an independent broker, or be employed by an insurance company.
Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	41-3031	40	\$21.38	\$23.63	\$42.12	\$59.02	\$75.40	\$185.57	\$44,470	\$49,150	\$87,610	\$122,770	\$156,830	\$385,990	Buy and sell securities or commodities in investment and trading firms, or provide financial services to businesses and individuals. May advise customers about stocks, bonds, mutual funds, commodities, and market conditions.
Travel Agents	41-3041	20	\$17.52	\$20.37	\$21.36	\$24.09	\$28.32	\$28.63	\$36,440	\$42,370	\$44,420	\$50,110	\$58,910	\$59,550	Plan and sell transportation and accommodations for customers. Determine destination, modes of transportation, travel dates, costs, and accommodations required. May also describe, plan, and arrange itineraries and sell tour packages. May assist in resolv
Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	41-3091	50	\$19.61	\$19.61	\$30.04	\$29.55	\$39.03	\$44.00	\$40,790	\$40,790	\$62,470	\$61,460	\$81,190	\$91,530	Sell services to individuals or businesses. May describe options or resolve client problems. Excludes "Advertising Sales Agents" (41-3011), "Insurance Sales Agents" (41-3021), "Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents" (41-3031), "Tra

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Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	41-4011	160	\$32.73	\$39.07	\$50.94	\$60.42	\$76.27	\$103.14	\$68,090	\$81,260	\$105,960	\$125,670	\$158,640	\$214,530	Sell goods for wholesalers or manufacturers where technical or scientific knowledge is required in such areas as biology, engineering, chemistry, and electronics, normally obtained from at least 2 years of post-secondary education. Excludes "Sales Engine"
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	41-4012	460	\$22.96	\$28.51	\$35.47	\$37.99	\$44.38	\$59.31	\$47,750	\$59,300	\$73,790	\$79,020	\$92,310	\$123,350	Sell goods for wholesalers or manufacturers to businesses or groups of individuals. Work requires substantial knowledge of items sold.
Real Estate Sales Agents	41-9022	100	\$23.06	\$26.94	\$35.93	\$36.58	\$43.83	\$56.42	\$47,960	\$56,030	\$74,730	\$76,080	\$91,170	\$117,340	Rent, buy, or sell property for clients. Perform duties such as study property listings, interview prospective clients, accompany clients to property site, discuss conditions of sale, and draw up real estate contracts. Includes agents who represent buyer
Sales and Related Workers, All Other	41-9099	40	\$22.93	\$23.34	\$29.71	\$31.92	\$33.63	\$39.63	\$47,700	\$48,550	\$61,790	\$66,400	\$69,950	\$82,440	All sales and related workers not listed separately.
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	43-1011	220	\$18.42	\$21.36	\$27.52	\$27.35	\$31.21	\$38.54	\$38,320	\$44,420	\$57,240	\$56,890	\$64,920	\$80,150	Directly supervise and coordinate the activities of clerical and administrative support workers.
Bill and Account Collectors	43-3011	30	\$16.17	\$17.45	\$21.94	\$21.93	\$27.45	\$28.04	\$33,640	\$36,290	\$45,640	\$45,610	\$57,090	\$58,320	Locate and notify customers of delinquent accounts by mail, telephone, or personal visit to solicit payment. Duties include receiving payment and posting amount to customer's account, preparing statements to credit department if customer fails to respond
Billing and Posting Clerks	43-3021	70	\$15.90	\$19.51	\$22.08	\$22.34	\$23.87	\$29.16	\$33,070	\$40,570	\$45,930	\$46,460	\$49,660	\$60,650	Compile, compute, and record billing, accounting, statistical, and other numerical data for billing purposes. Prepare billing invoices for services rendered or for delivery or shipment of goods. Excludes "Medical Records Specialists" (29-2072)
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	43-3031	1,540	\$16.59	\$18.37	\$22.00	\$22.03	\$24.72	\$28.09	\$34,510	\$38,200	\$45,760	\$45,830	\$51,420	\$58,430	Compute, classify, and record numerical data to keep financial records complete. Perform any combination of routine calculating, posting, and verifying duties to obtain primary financial data for use in maintaining accounting records. May also check the
Gambling Cage Workers	43-3041	120	\$13.06	\$14.15	\$16.01	\$16.64	\$18.68	\$18.81	\$27,170	\$29,420	\$33,300	\$34,600	\$38,860	\$39,130	In a gambling establishment, conduct financial transactions for patrons. Accept patron's credit application and verify credit references to provide check-cashing authorization or to establish house credit accounts. May reconcile daily summaries of transa
Payroll and Timekeeping Clerks	43-3051	50	\$17.99	\$20.44	\$22.92	\$24.66	\$30.26	\$32.55	\$37,430	\$42,520	\$47,680	\$51,290	\$62,930	\$67,710	Compile and record employee time and payroll data. May compute employees' time worked, production, and commission. May compute and post wages and deductions, or prepare paychecks. Excludes "Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks" (43-3031).
Procurement Clerks	43-3061	30	\$18.35	\$20.63	\$21.61	\$22.41	\$24.01	\$27.22	\$38,170	\$42,910	\$44,950	\$46,620	\$49,940	\$56,620	Compile information and records to draw up purchase orders for procurement of materials and services. Excludes "Wholesale and Retail Buyers, Except Farm Products" (13-1022).
Tellers	43-3071	300	\$16.54	\$17.61	\$18.41	\$19.02	\$21.04	\$21.54	\$34,400	\$36,630	\$38,280	\$39,570	\$43,760	\$44,810	Receive and pay out money. Keep records of money and negotiable instruments involved in a financial institution's various transactions.
Court, Municipal, and License Clerks	43-4031	290	\$15.00	\$17.54	\$19.97	\$20.47	\$22.48	\$25.08	\$31,200	\$36,490	\$41,540	\$42,590	\$46,760	\$52,170	Perform clerical duties for courts of law, municipalities, or governmental licensing agencies and bureaus. May prepare docket of cases to be called; secure information for judges and court; prepare draft agendas or bylaws for town or city council; answer
Customer Service Representatives	43-4051	320	\$13.95	\$15.95	\$17.96	\$19.30	\$22.91	\$25.60	\$29,020	\$33,180	\$37,350	\$40,150	\$47,650	\$53,250	Interact with customers to provide basic or scripted information in response to routine inquiries about products and services. May handle and resolve general complaints. Excludes individuals whose duties are primarily installation, sales, repair, and tec
Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs	43-4061	190	\$15.96	\$15.96	\$24.44	\$22.87	\$26.58	\$30.93	\$33,190	\$33,210	\$50,830	\$47,570	\$55,290	\$64,340	Determine eligibility of persons applying to receive assistance from government programs and agency resources, such as welfare, unemployment benefits, social security, and public housing.

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Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks	43-4081	510	\$13.72	\$14.09	\$14.59	\$15.30	\$16.68	\$17.61	\$28,540	\$29,300	\$30,340	\$31,830	\$34,690	\$36,620	Accommodate hotel, motel, and resort patrons by registering and assigning rooms to guests, issuing room keys or cards, transmitting and receiving messages, keeping records of occupied rooms and guests' accounts, making and confirming reservations, and pr
Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan	43-4111	50	\$14.63	\$18.74	\$22.00	\$20.89	\$24.27	\$24.91	\$30,440	\$38,970	\$45,760	\$43,440	\$50,480	\$51,810	Interview persons by telephone, mail, in person, or by other means for the purpose of completing forms, applications, or questionnaires. Ask specific questions, record answers, and assist persons with completing form. May sort, classify, and file forms.
Loan Interviewers and Clerks	43-4131	200	\$17.98	\$19.22	\$22.79	\$22.48	\$23.59	\$26.40	\$37,390	\$39,970	\$47,400	\$46,760	\$49,060	\$54,900	Interview loan applicants to elicit information; investigate applicants' backgrounds and verify references; prepare loan request papers; and forward findings, reports, and documents to appraisal department. Review loan papers to ensure completeness, and
Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping	43-4161	30	\$14.97	\$15.08	\$19.31	\$19.80	\$21.61	\$27.55	\$31,140	\$31,370	\$40,160	\$41,170	\$44,950	\$57,300	Compile and keep personnel records. Record data for each employee, such as address, weekly earnings, absences, amount of sales or production, supervisory reports, and date of and reason for termination. May prepare reports for employment records, file em
Receptionists and Information Clerks	43-4171	590	\$13.21	\$14.82	\$17.96	\$18.02	\$20.19	\$22.30	\$27,480	\$30,830	\$37,360	\$37,470	\$42,000	\$46,370	Answer inquiries and provide information to the general public, customers, visitors, and other interested parties regarding activities conducted at establishment and location of departments, offices, and employees within the organization. Excludes "Switc
Information and Record Clerks, All Other	43-4199	80	\$19.39	\$22.33	\$25.65	\$25.55	\$29.26	\$31.22	\$40,330	\$46,450	\$53,340	\$53,150	\$60,860	\$64,940	All information and record clerks not listed separately.
Cargo and Freight Agents	43-5011	10	\$26.87	\$27.87	\$30.97	\$30.20	\$31.41	\$33.01	\$55,880	\$57,960	\$64,410	\$62,820	\$65,340	\$68,650	Expedite and route movement of incoming and outgoing cargo and freight shipments in airline, train, and trucking terminals and shipping docks. Take orders from customers and arrange pickup of freight and cargo for delivery to loading platform. Prepare an
Public Safety Telecommunicators	43-5031	110	\$14.60	\$19.63	\$21.46	\$21.78	\$26.00	\$26.25	\$30,360	\$40,830	\$44,640	\$45,310	\$54,080	\$54,600	Operate telephone, radio, or other communication systems to receive and communicate requests for emergency assistance at 9-1-1 public safety answering points and emergency operations centers. Take information from the public and other sources regarding c
Dispatchers, Except Police, Fire, and Ambulance	43-5032	70	\$14.15	\$16.64	\$20.00	\$20.42	\$22.93	\$26.48	\$29,420	\$34,620	\$41,600	\$42,470	\$47,700	\$55,080	Schedule and dispatch workers, work crews, equipment, or service vehicles for conveyance of materials, freight, or passengers, or for normal installation, service, or emergency repairs rendered outside the place of business. Duties may include using radi
Postal Service Clerks	43-5051	120	\$20.48	\$20.48	\$28.97	\$28.27	\$33.58	\$36.07	\$42,600	\$42,600	\$60,250	\$58,800	\$69,850	\$75,030	Perform any combination of tasks in a United States Postal Service (USPS) post office, such as receive letters and parcels; sell postage and revenue stamps, postal cards, and stamped envelopes; fill out and sell money orders; place mail in pigeon holes o
Postal Service Mail Carriers	43-5052	110	\$20.38	\$20.73	\$26.68	\$28.17	\$34.02	\$38.96	\$42,390	\$43,120	\$55,490	\$58,600	\$70,760	\$81,040	Sort and deliver mail for the United States Postal Service (USPS). Deliver mail on established route by vehicle or on foot. Includes postal service mail carriers employed by USPS contractors.
Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	43-5061	50	\$19.57	\$19.57	\$21.42	\$23.42	\$25.81	\$30.63	\$40,700	\$40,700	\$44,540	\$48,710	\$53,670	\$63,710	Coordinate and expedite the flow of work and materials within or between departments of an establishment according to production schedule. Duties include reviewing and distributing production, work, and shipment schedules; conferring with department supe
Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks	43-5071	200	\$14.29	\$16.27	\$19.63	\$19.97	\$23.56	\$25.00	\$29,720	\$33,840	\$40,820	\$41,530	\$49,000	\$52,000	Verify and maintain records on incoming and outgoing shipments involving inventory. Duties include verifying and recording incoming merchandise or material and arranging for the transportation of products. May prepare items for shipment. Excludes "Weighe

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Weighers, Measurers, Checkers, and Samplers, Recordkeeping	43-5111	60	\$14.38	\$14.61	\$20.78	\$19.49	\$23.25	\$24.43	\$29,920	\$30,380	\$43,230	\$40,550	\$48,360	\$50,800	Weigh, measure, and check materials, supplies, and equipment for the purpose of keeping relevant records. Duties are primarily clerical by nature. Includes workers who collect and keep record of samples of products or materials. Excludes "Inspectors, Tes
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	43-6011	260	\$20.00	\$23.70	\$25.83	\$26.44	\$29.01	\$32.00	\$41,600	\$49,300	\$53,730	\$54,990	\$60,350	\$66,550	Provide high-level administrative support by conducting research, preparing statistical reports, and handling information requests, as well as performing routine administrative functions such as preparing correspondence, receiving visitors, arranging con
Legal Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	43-6012	130	\$18.68	\$20.15	\$21.29	\$21.87	\$23.86	\$25.75	\$38,840	\$41,910	\$44,270	\$45,490	\$49,620	\$53,560	Perform secretarial duties using legal terminology, procedures, and documents. Prepare legal papers and correspondence, such as summonses, complaints, motions, and subpoenas. May also assist with legal research
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	43-6014	1,120	\$15.19	\$17.36	\$19.77	\$20.15	\$22.89	\$24.50	\$31,590	\$36,100	\$41,120	\$41,910	\$47,620	\$50,970	Perform routine administrative functions such as drafting correspondence, scheduling appointments, organizing and maintaining paper and electronic files, or providing information to callers. Excludes legal, medical, and executive secretaries (43-6011 thr
Insurance Claims and Policy Processing Clerks	43-9041	170	\$13.54	\$14.66	\$16.63	\$17.74	\$20.06	\$23.80	\$28,170	\$30,480	\$34,580	\$36,910	\$41,720	\$49,510	Process new insurance policies, modifications to existing policies, and claims forms. Obtain information from policyholders to verify the accuracy and completeness of information on claims forms, applications and related documents, and company records. U
Mail Clerks and Mail Machine Operators, Except Postal Service	43-9051	40	\$14.25	\$15.60	\$16.92	\$17.34	\$18.24	\$21.33	\$29,640	\$32,450	\$35,200	\$36,070	\$37,940	\$44,370	Prepare incoming and outgoing mail for distribution. Time-stamp, open, read, sort, and route incoming mail; and address, seal, stamp, fold, stuff, and affix postage to outgoing mail or packages. Duties may also include keeping necessary records and compl
Office Clerks, General	43-9061	350	\$14.04	\$16.23	\$18.62	\$19.31	\$21.74	\$25.21	\$29,200	\$33,760	\$38,730	\$40,170	\$45,220	\$52,440	Perform duties too varied and diverse to be classified in any specific office clerical occupation, requiring knowledge of office systems and procedures. Clerical duties may be assigned in accordance with the office procedures of individual establishments
First-Line Supervisors of Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Workers	45-1011	30	\$24.90	\$25.38	\$26.24	\$26.61	\$26.42	\$28.38	\$51,800	\$52,790	\$54,580	\$55,360	\$54,960	\$59,020	Directly supervise and coordinate the activities of agricultural, forestry, aquacultural, and related workers. Excludes "First-Line Supervisors of Landscaping, Lawn Service, and Groundskeeping Workers" (37-1012).
Graders and Sorters, Agricultural Products	45-2041	170	\$14.49	\$14.80	\$18.72	\$19.47	\$23.20	\$23.43	\$30,140	\$30,790	\$38,940	\$40,500	\$48,260	\$48,720	Grade, sort, or classify unprocessed food and other agricultural products by size, weight, color, or condition. Excludes "Agricultural Inspectors" (45-2011).
Agricultural Equipment Operators	45-2091	70	\$18.50	\$20.27	\$23.37	\$22.54	\$23.89	\$25.67	\$38,480	\$42,170	\$48,620	\$46,890	\$49,700	\$53,400	Drive and control equipment to support agricultural activities such as tilling soil; planting, cultivating, and harvesting crops; feeding and herding livestock; or removing animal waste. May perform tasks such as crop baling or hay bucking. May operate s
Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	45-2093	30	\$15.51	\$16.26	\$18.26	\$18.47	\$19.25	\$24.65	\$32,260	\$33,820	\$37,970	\$38,420	\$40,040	\$51,260	Attend to live farm, ranch, open range or aquacultural animals that may include cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses and other equines, poultry, rabbits, finfish, shellfish, and bees. Attend to animals produced for animal products, such as meat, fur, skin
Forest and Conservation Workers	45-4011	130	\$15.07	\$16.53	\$18.10	\$18.69	\$20.63	\$22.37	\$31,340	\$34,380	\$37,650	\$38,870	\$42,920	\$46,530	Under supervision, perform manual labor necessary to develop, maintain, or protect areas such as forests, forested areas, woodlands, wetlands, and rangelands through such activities as raising and transporting seedlings; combating insects, pests, and dis
Logging Equipment Operators	45-4022	10	\$21.53	\$21.53	\$22.67	\$26.53	\$28.24	\$43.24	\$44,770	\$44,770	\$47,150	\$55,180	\$58,740	\$89,940	Drive logging tractor or wheeled vehicle equipped with one or more accessories, such as bulldozer blade, frontal shear, grapple, logging arch, cable winches, hoisting rack, or crane boom, to fell tree; to skid, load, unload, or stack logs; or to pull stu

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First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	47-1011	300	\$28.50	\$30.58	\$36.21	\$36.24	\$39.48	\$44.96	\$59,290	\$63,600	\$75,320	\$75,370	\$82,130	\$93,520	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of construction or extraction workers.
Carpenters	47-2031	780	\$17.10	\$18.63	\$21.99	\$22.97	\$27.91	\$30.24	\$35,570	\$38,750	\$45,740	\$47,780	\$58,040	\$62,900	Construct, erect, install, or repair structures and fixtures made of wood and comparable materials, such as concrete forms; building frameworks, including partitions, joists, studding, and rafters; and wood stairways, window and door frames, and hardwood
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	47-2051	330	\$17.05	\$18.06	\$22.04	\$22.91	\$26.83	\$30.54	\$35,450	\$37,560	\$45,840	\$47,650	\$55,800	\$63,520	Smooth and finish surfaces of poured concrete, such as floors, walks, sidewalks, roads, or curbs using a variety of hand and power tools. Align forms for sidewalks, curbs, or gutters; patch voids; and use saws to cut expansion joints. Installers of mortar.
Construction Laborers	47-2061	210	\$15.42	\$17.91	\$19.22	\$20.06	\$22.74	\$23.13	\$32,080	\$37,250	\$39,970	\$41,720	\$47,300	\$48,110	Perform tasks involving physical labor at construction sites. May operate hand and power tools of all types: air hammers, earth tampers, cement mixers, small mechanical hoists, surveying and measuring equipment, and a variety of other equipment and instr
Paving, Surfacing, and Tamping Equipment Operators	47-2071		\$23.67	\$24.03	\$31.63	\$30.38	\$35.89	\$35.89	\$49,220	\$49,980	\$65,790	\$63,200	\$74,660	\$74,660	Operate equipment used for applying concrete, asphalt, or other materials to road beds, parking lots, or airport runways and taxiways or for tamping gravel, dirt, or other materials. Includes concrete and asphalt paving machine operators, form tampers, t
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	47-2073	300	\$21.16	\$23.00	\$27.44	\$26.89	\$28.94	\$35.51	\$44,010	\$47,840	\$57,080	\$55,920	\$60,200	\$73,860	Operate one or several types of power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, scrapers, compressors, pumps, derricks, shovels, tractors, or front-end loaders to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concrete or oth
Electricians	47-2111	280	\$20.56	\$23.29	\$30.08	\$29.83	\$34.60	\$38.15	\$42,770	\$48,440	\$62,570	\$62,050	\$71,960	\$79,340	Install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures. Ensure that work is in accordance with relevant codes. May install or service street lights, intercom systems, or electrical control systems. Excludes "Security and Fire Alarm Syst
Insulation Workers, Floor, Ceiling, and Wall	47-2131	20	\$15.82	\$16.61	\$16.97	\$19.68	\$21.14	\$27.56	\$32,900	\$34,540	\$35,300	\$40,940	\$43,970	\$57,320	Line and cover structures with insulating materials. May work with batt, roll, or blown insulation materials.
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	47-2141	80	\$17.06	\$20.78	\$22.85	\$23.20	\$23.60	\$30.52	\$35,480	\$43,210	\$47,530	\$48,250	\$49,100	\$63,480	Paint walls, equipment, buildings, bridges, and other structural surfaces, using brushes, rollers, and spray guns. May remove old paint to prepare surface prior to painting. May mix colors or oils to obtain desired color or consistency. Excludes "Paperha
Pipelayers	47-2151	40	\$14.52	\$14.52	\$23.03	\$21.05	\$25.00	\$27.28	\$30,200	\$30,200	\$47,910	\$43,790	\$52,000	\$56,750	Lay pipe for storm or sanitation sewers, drains, and water mains. Perform any combination of the following tasks: grade trenches or culverts, position pipe, or seal joints. Excludes "Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers" (51-4121).
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	47-2152	180	\$18.24	\$22.50	\$24.26	\$25.58	\$28.96	\$35.51	\$37,940	\$46,800	\$50,450	\$53,200	\$60,230	\$73,860	Assemble, install, alter, and repair pipelines or pipe systems that carry water, steam, air, or other liquids or gases. May install heating and cooling equipment and mechanical control systems. Includes sprinklerfitters.
Roofers	47-2181	40	\$16.75	\$18.98	\$22.94	\$22.76	\$27.39	\$28.08	\$34,840	\$39,480	\$47,710	\$47,340	\$56,980	\$58,410	Cover roofs of structures with shingles, slate, asphalt, aluminum, wood, or related materials. May spray roofs, sidings, and walls with material to bind, seal, insulate, or soundproof sections of structures.
Helpers--Carpenters	47-3012		\$13.18	\$13.93	\$14.50	\$15.86	\$17.22	\$18.45	\$27,420	\$28,970	\$30,160	\$32,980	\$35,820	\$38,380	Help carpenters by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying, or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Construction laborers who do not primarily assist carpenters are classified under "Constructi
Helpers--Electricians	47-3013	50	\$14.57	\$14.66	\$15.54	\$16.37	\$17.60	\$18.95	\$30,310	\$30,490	\$32,320	\$34,050	\$36,620	\$39,410	Help electricians by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include using, supplying, or holding materials or tools, and cleaning work area and equipment. Construction laborers who do not primarily assist electricians are classified under "Constr

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Construction and Building Inspectors	47-4011	60	\$21.69	\$24.19	\$29.54	\$30.52	\$35.40	\$40.89	\$45,110	\$50,320	\$61,450	\$63,480	\$73,630	\$85,050	Inspect structures using engineering skills to determine structural soundness and compliance with specifications, building codes, and other regulations. Inspections may be general in nature or may be limited to a specific area, such as electrical systems
Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	47-4041	60	\$22.79	\$22.95	\$23.79	\$24.37	\$24.35	\$27.90	\$47,400	\$47,730	\$49,480	\$50,690	\$50,650	\$58,030	Identify, remove, pack, transport, or dispose of hazardous materials, including asbestos, lead-based paint, waste oil, fuel, transmission fluid, radioactive materials, or contaminated soil. Specialized training and certification in hazardous materials ha
Highway Maintenance Workers	47-4051	590	\$18.11	\$22.11	\$23.26	\$23.79	\$27.29	\$29.13	\$37,670	\$45,980	\$48,380	\$49,470	\$56,770	\$60,600	Maintain highways, municipal and rural roads, airport runways, and rights-of-way. Duties include patching broken or eroded pavement and repairing guard rails, highway markers, and snow fences. May also mow or clear brush from along road, or plow snow fro
Septic Tank Servicers and Sewer Pipe Cleaners	47-4071	20	\$17.96	\$18.22	\$21.50	\$21.54	\$24.35	\$27.18	\$37,360	\$37,900	\$44,720	\$44,810	\$50,650	\$56,540	Clean and repair septic tanks, sewer lines, or drains. May patch walls and partitions of tank, replace damaged drain tile, or repair breaks in underground piping.
Service Unit Operators, Oil and Gas	47-5013	20	\$21.31	\$22.83	\$24.34	\$25.00	\$26.42	\$27.41	\$44,320	\$47,480	\$50,640	\$52,000	\$54,950	\$57,010	Operate equipment to increase oil flow from producing wells or to remove stuck pipe, casing, tools, or other obstructions from drilling wells. Includes fishing-tool technicians.
Excavating and Loading Machine and Dragline Operators, Surface Mining	47-5022	100	\$18.58	\$22.75	\$26.85	\$26.26	\$30.03	\$30.49	\$38,650	\$47,310	\$55,840	\$54,610	\$62,470	\$63,420	Operate or tend machinery at surface mining site, equipped with scoops, shovels, or buckets to excavate and load loose materials.
Explosives Workers, Ordnance Handling Experts, and Blasters	47-5032		\$25.42	\$27.30	\$27.30	\$29.84	\$31.11	\$41.85	\$52,870	\$56,770	\$56,770	\$62,060	\$64,700	\$87,060	Place and detonate explosives to demolish structures or to loosen, remove, or displace earth, rock, or other materials. May perform specialized handling, storage, and accounting procedures.
Helpers--Extraction Workers	47-5081	20	\$17.47	\$22.00	\$25.55	\$23.23	\$25.55	\$25.55	\$36,330	\$45,760	\$53,140	\$48,310	\$53,140	\$53,140	Help extraction craft workers, such as earth drillers, blasters and explosives workers, derrick operators, and mining machine operators, by performing duties requiring less skill. Duties include supplying equipment or cleaning work area. Apprentice worke
First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	49-1011	230	\$23.33	\$29.36	\$38.01	\$37.74	\$45.27	\$51.21	\$48,520	\$61,070	\$79,070	\$78,500	\$94,170	\$106,530	Directly supervise and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers, and repairers. May also advise customers on recommended services. Excludes team or work leaders.
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	49-2022	70	\$23.91	\$29.75	\$30.30	\$33.69	\$40.42	\$47.40	\$49,720	\$61,890	\$63,020	\$70,080	\$84,070	\$98,590	Install, set up, rearrange, or remove switching, distribution, routing, and dialing equipment used in central offices or headends. Service or repair telephone, cable television, Internet, and other communications equipment on customers' property. May ins
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	49-2094	20	\$21.87	\$29.02	\$35.29	\$39.82	\$61.38	\$63.70	\$45,490	\$60,360	\$73,410	\$82,820	\$127,670	\$132,500	Repair, test, adjust, or install electronic equipment, such as industrial controls, transmitters, and antennas. Excludes "Avionics Technicians" (49-2091), "Electrical and Electronics Installers and Repairers, Transportation Equipment" (49-2093), and "Ele
Automotive Body and Related Repairers	49-3021	100	\$18.02	\$22.38	\$23.45	\$25.38	\$29.45	\$31.96	\$37,490	\$46,540	\$48,780	\$52,790	\$61,260	\$66,470	Repair and refinish automotive vehicle bodies and straighten vehicle frames. Excludes "Automotive Glass Installers and Repairers" (49-3022) and "Coating, Painting, and Spraying Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders" (51-9124).
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	49-3023	370	\$18.01	\$21.97	\$26.17	\$26.79	\$29.52	\$41.00	\$37,470	\$45,710	\$54,440	\$55,720	\$61,390	\$85,280	Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automotive vehicles. Excludes "Automotive Body and Related Repairers" (49-3021), "Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists" (49-3031), and "Electronic Equipment Installers and Repairers, Motor Vehicles"
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	49-3031	160	\$19.00	\$23.83	\$24.39	\$25.65	\$28.25	\$31.59	\$39,520	\$49,570	\$50,730	\$53,360	\$58,750	\$65,710	Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul buses and trucks, or maintain and repair any type of diesel engines. Includes mechanics working primarily with automobile or marine diesel engines.

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Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	49-3041	180	\$22.88	\$29.34	\$29.95	\$31.17	\$37.05	\$38.57	\$47,590	\$61,020	\$62,290	\$64,840	\$77,060	\$80,230	Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul farm machinery and vehicles, such as tractors, harvesters, dairy equipment, and irrigation systems. Excludes "Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists" (49-3031)
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	49-3042	90	\$25.79	\$28.29	\$31.29	\$32.83	\$37.02	\$40.08	\$53,650	\$58,850	\$65,080	\$68,280	\$77,000	\$83,360	Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul mobile mechanical, hydraulic, and pneumatic equipment, such as cranes, bulldozers, graders, and conveyors, used in construction, logging, and mining. Excludes "Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists" (
Motorboat Mechanics and Service Technicians	49-3051	10	\$14.51	\$15.00	\$21.25	\$20.09	\$22.72	\$27.00	\$30,180	\$31,200	\$44,200	\$41,790	\$47,270	\$56,160	Repair and adjust electrical and mechanical equipment of inboard or inboard-outboard boat engines. Excludes "Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists" (49-3031).
Motorcycle Mechanics	49-3052	30	\$18.83	\$19.25	\$20.55	\$23.03	\$27.44	\$31.07	\$39,170	\$40,040	\$42,740	\$47,900	\$57,070	\$64,630	Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul motorcycles, scooters, mopeds, dirt bikes, or similar motorized vehicles.
Outdoor Power Equipment and Other Small Engine Mechanics	49-3053	30	\$16.72	\$19.33	\$21.93	\$21.86	\$26.31	\$27.17	\$34,770	\$40,210	\$45,600	\$45,460	\$54,720	\$56,510	Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul small engines used to power lawn mowers, chain saws, recreational sporting equipment, and related equipment.
Tire Repairers and Changers	49-3093	50	\$15.67	\$17.42	\$17.60	\$18.83	\$19.18	\$24.00	\$32,600	\$36,240	\$36,610	\$39,160	\$39,900	\$49,920	Repair and replace tires.
Control and Valve Installers and Repairers, Except Mechanical Door	49-9012	10	\$38.88	\$46.99	\$47.69	\$46.06	\$48.80	\$48.80	\$80,860	\$97,750	\$99,200	\$95,810	\$101,500	\$101,500	Install, repair, and maintain mechanical regulating and controlling devices, such as electric meters, gas regulators, thermostats, safety and flow valves, and other mechanical governors.
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	49-9021	180	\$20.27	\$23.51	\$28.63	\$27.09	\$30.02	\$34.77	\$42,170	\$48,910	\$59,550	\$56,360	\$62,450	\$72,310	Install or repair heating, central air conditioning, HVAC, or refrigeration systems, including oil burners, hot-air furnaces, and heating stoves.
Home Appliance Repairers	49-9031	10	\$16.44	\$16.44	\$22.76	\$23.92	\$28.03	\$40.86	\$34,200	\$34,200	\$47,340	\$49,750	\$58,300	\$84,980	Repair, adjust, or install all types of electric or gas household appliances, such as refrigerators, washers, dryers, and ovens.
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	49-9041	50	\$23.57	\$27.62	\$34.70	\$39.34	\$53.68	\$57.72	\$49,020	\$57,450	\$72,170	\$81,820	\$111,650	\$120,060	Repair, install, adjust, or maintain industrial production and processing machinery or refinery and pipeline distribution systems. May also install, dismantle, or move machinery and heavy equipment according to plans. Excludes "Mobile Heavy Equipment Mec
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	49-9051	190	\$38.73	\$42.18	\$46.79	\$47.60	\$56.99	\$58.59	\$80,560	\$87,740	\$97,310	\$99,010	\$118,530	\$121,870	Install or repair cables or wires used in electrical power or distribution systems. May erect poles and light or heavy duty transmission towers. Excludes "Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Powerhouse, Substation, and Relay" (49-2095).
Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	49-9052	90	\$18.56	\$19.61	\$23.62	\$26.41	\$30.95	\$36.41	\$38,600	\$40,800	\$49,130	\$54,920	\$64,380	\$75,730	Install and repair telecommunications cable, including fiber optics.
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	49-9071	670	\$17.26	\$19.97	\$23.42	\$24.04	\$27.86	\$31.40	\$35,890	\$41,530	\$48,710	\$50,000	\$57,960	\$65,320	Perform work involving the skills of two or more maintenance or craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of a building in repair. Duties may involve pipe fitting; HVAC maintenance; insulating; welding; machining; carpent
Coin, Vending, and Amusement Machine Servicers and Repairers	49-9091	100	\$14.68	\$17.56	\$18.62	\$19.87	\$23.02	\$27.95	\$30,530	\$36,520	\$38,730	\$41,320	\$47,880	\$58,130	Install, service, adjust, or repair coin, vending, or amusement machines including video games, juke boxes, pinball machines, or slot machines.
Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Workers, All Other	49-9099	40	\$16.30	\$19.34	\$21.49	\$24.39	\$29.39	\$35.84	\$33,900	\$40,220	\$44,710	\$50,730	\$61,120	\$74,550	All installation, maintenance, and repair workers not listed separately.
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	51-1011	120	\$25.83	\$29.44	\$33.79	\$34.72	\$39.03	\$45.05	\$53,730	\$61,230	\$70,270	\$72,210	\$81,180	\$93,710	Directly supervise and coordinate the activities of production and operating workers, such as inspectors, precision workers, machine setters and operators, assemblers, fabricators, and plant and system operators. Excludes team or work leaders.
Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators	51-2090	100	\$14.42	\$14.81	\$17.74	\$18.64	\$22.14	\$23.15	\$29,990	\$30,790	\$36,900	\$38,780	\$46,050	\$48,160	
Bakers	51-3011	50	\$13.30	\$14.47	\$17.00	\$16.82	\$18.34	\$21.94	\$27,670	\$30,110	\$35,360	\$34,990	\$38,150	\$45,640	Mix and bake ingredients to produce breads, rolls, cookies, cakes, pies, pastries, or other baked goods. Pastry chefs in restaurants and hotels are included with "Chefs and Head Cooks" (35-1011).
Butchers and Meat Cutters	51-3021	100	\$16.03	\$16.86	\$17.89	\$19.66	\$21.12	\$27.46	\$33,330	\$35,070	\$37,210	\$40,890	\$43,930	\$57,110	Cut, trim, or prepare consumer-sized portions of meat for use or sale in retail establishments.

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Food Batchmakers	51-3092	30	\$13.64	\$15.18	\$16.24	\$16.60	\$17.28	\$21.37	\$28,380	\$31,570	\$33,780	\$34,520	\$35,930	\$44,450	Set up and operate equipment that mixes or blends ingredients used in the manufacturing of food products. Includes candy makers and cheese makers.
Cutting, Punching, and Press Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	51-4031	10	\$21.90	\$22.43	\$22.59	\$24.54	\$28.71	\$29.79	\$45,560	\$46,660	\$46,990	\$51,050	\$59,720	\$61,960	Set up, operate, or tend machines to saw, cut, shear, slit, punch, crimp, notch, bend, or straighten metal or plastic material.
Machinists	51-4041	30	\$19.55	\$20.57	\$26.02	\$25.25	\$27.22	\$27.44	\$40,670	\$42,780	\$54,130	\$52,530	\$56,610	\$57,070	Set up and operate a variety of machine tools to produce precision parts and instruments out of metal. Includes precision instrument makers who fabricate, modify, or repair mechanical instruments. May also fabricate and modify parts to make or repair mac
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	51-4121	180	\$16.92	\$16.98	\$22.11	\$22.58	\$26.51	\$31.30	\$35,200	\$35,320	\$45,980	\$46,970	\$55,150	\$65,100	Use hand-welding, flame-cutting, hand-soldering, or brazing equipment to weld or join metal components or to fill holes, indentations, or seams of fabricated metal products.
Printing Press Operators	51-5112	40	\$15.91	\$16.92	\$20.56	\$20.12	\$21.50	\$25.00	\$33,090	\$35,190	\$42,750	\$41,850	\$44,720	\$51,990	Set up and operate digital, letterpress, lithographic, flexographic, gravure, or other printing machines. Includes short-run offset printing presses.
Laundry and Dry-Cleaning Workers	51-6011	140	\$13.36	\$13.90	\$13.94	\$15.43	\$17.32	\$18.23	\$27,780	\$28,910	\$29,000	\$32,090	\$36,020	\$37,920	Operate or tend washing or dry-cleaning machines to wash or dry-clean industrial or household articles, such as cloth garments, suede, leather, furs, blankets, draperies, linens, rugs, and carpets. Includes spotters and dyers of these articles.
Woodworking Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Except Sawing	51-7042	60	\$15.29	\$18.06	\$18.11	\$21.97	\$24.26	\$31.18	\$31,800	\$37,570	\$37,680	\$45,700	\$50,450	\$64,850	Set up, operate, or tend woodworking machines, such as drill presses, lathes, shapers, routers, sanders, planers, and wood nailing machines. May operate computer numerically controlled (CNC) equipment. Workers who primarily program or operate CNC equipme
Power Distributors and Dispatchers	51-8012	20	\$47.91	\$62.63	\$62.63	\$60.79	\$62.63	\$62.63	\$99,650	\$130,270	\$130,270	\$126,440	\$130,270	\$130,270	Coordinate, regulate, or distribute electricity or steam.
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	51-8031	320	\$19.50	\$22.64	\$24.04	\$25.61	\$29.54	\$35.24	\$40,560	\$47,090	\$50,000	\$53,270	\$61,430	\$73,300	Operate or control an entire process or system of machines, often through the use of control boards, to transfer or treat water or wastewater.
Plant and System Operators, All Other	51-8099	30	\$21.90	\$22.30	\$26.91	\$27.17	\$30.39	\$34.84	\$45,560	\$46,380	\$55,960	\$56,510	\$63,200	\$72,470	All plant and system operators not listed separately.
Separating, Filtering, Clarifying, Precipitating, and Still Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-9012	50	\$17.68	\$18.46	\$25.00	\$25.93	\$29.71	\$35.71	\$36,780	\$38,390	\$52,000	\$53,940	\$61,790	\$74,290	Set up, operate, or tend continuous flow or vat-type equipment; filter presses; shaker screens; centrifuges; condenser tubes; precipitating, fermenting, or evaporating tanks; scrubbing towers; or batch stills. These machines extract, sort, or separate li
Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-9023	60	\$19.00	\$20.59	\$21.77	\$22.41	\$23.57	\$23.87	\$39,510	\$42,830	\$45,290	\$46,610	\$49,020	\$49,650	Set up, operate, or tend machines to mix or blend materials, such as chemicals, tobacco, liquids, color pigments, or explosive ingredients. Excludes "Food Batchmakers" (51-3092).
Extruding, Forming, Pressing, and Compacting Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-9041	30	\$18.72	\$20.06	\$21.07	\$21.96	\$24.39	\$26.09	\$38,940	\$41,720	\$43,830	\$45,670	\$50,730	\$54,270	Set up, operate, or tend machines, such as glass-forming machines, plodder machines, and tuber machines, to shape and form products such as glassware, food, rubber, soap, brick, tile, clay, wax, tobacco, or cosmetics. Excludes "Shoe Machine Operators and
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	51-9061	20	\$17.06	\$17.84	\$24.48	\$24.46	\$27.86	\$29.68	\$35,490	\$37,110	\$50,910	\$50,880	\$57,950	\$61,730	Inspect, test, sort, sample, or weigh nonagricultural raw materials or processed, machined, fabricated, or assembled parts or products for defects, wear, and deviations from specifications. May use precision measuring instruments and complex test equipme
Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	51-9111	40	\$15.23	\$15.32	\$19.50	\$19.22	\$22.12	\$22.49	\$31,680	\$31,870	\$40,560	\$39,970	\$46,010	\$46,790	Operate or tend machines to prepare industrial or consumer products for storage or shipment. Includes cannery workers who pack food products.
Coating, Painting, and Spraying Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-9124	30	\$20.60	\$22.26	\$24.00	\$24.25	\$24.01	\$27.25	\$42,850	\$46,290	\$49,920	\$50,440	\$49,940	\$56,670	Set up, operate, or tend spraying or rolling machines to coat or paint any of a wide variety of products, including glassware, cloth, ceramics, metal, plastic, paper, or wood, with lacquer, silver, copper, rubber, varnish, glaze, enamel, oil, or rust-pro
First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material-Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	53-1047	130	\$18.96	\$22.66	\$28.34	\$29.60	\$35.78	\$40.60	\$39,430	\$47,130	\$58,940	\$61,570	\$74,420	\$84,450	

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Commercial Pilots	53-2012	40							\$51,590	\$58,570	\$79,990	\$90,930	\$109,880	\$157,840	Pilot and navigate the flight of fixed-wing aircraft on nonscheduled air carrier routes, or helicopters. Requires Commercial Pilot certificate. Includes charter pilots with similar certification, and air ambulance and air tour pilots. Excludes regional,
Ambulance Drivers and Attendants, Except Emergency Medical Technicians	53-3011	50	\$14.03	\$14.32	\$14.36	\$14.67	\$14.92	\$15.85	\$29,190	\$29,790	\$29,870	\$30,520	\$31,040	\$32,960	Drive ambulance or assist ambulance driver in transporting sick, injured, or convalescent persons. Assist in lifting patients.
Driver/Sales Workers	53-3031	80	\$13.77	\$15.79	\$22.38	\$21.97	\$26.73	\$28.76	\$28,650	\$32,830	\$46,550	\$45,700	\$55,600	\$59,810	Drive truck or other vehicle over established routes or within an established territory and sell or deliver goods, such as food products, including restaurant take-out items, or pick up or deliver items such as commercial laundry. May also take orders, c
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	53-3032	790	\$18.65	\$22.38	\$26.00	\$26.86	\$29.37	\$37.63	\$38,790	\$46,540	\$54,080	\$55,880	\$61,090	\$78,270	Drive a tractor-trailer combination or a truck with a capacity of at least 26,001 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW). May be required to unload truck. Requires commercial drivers' license. Includes tow truck drivers. Excludes "Refuse and Recyclable Materi
Light Truck Drivers	53-3033	560	\$13.16	\$15.07	\$21.21	\$20.54	\$23.39	\$27.40	\$27,370	\$31,340	\$44,120	\$42,730	\$48,640	\$56,980	Drive a light vehicle, such as a truck or van, with a capacity of less than 26,001 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW), primarily to pick up merchandise or packages from a distribution center and deliver. May load and unload vehicle. Excludes "Couriers and
Bus Drivers, School	53-3051	420	\$15.62	\$17.78	\$18.60	\$19.94	\$22.96	\$24.10	\$32,500	\$36,980	\$38,690	\$41,460	\$47,760	\$50,130	Drive a school bus to transport students. Ensure adherence to safety rules. May assist students in boarding or exiting.
Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	53-3052	100	\$16.24	\$18.38	\$22.03	\$20.69	\$23.10	\$23.65	\$33,770	\$38,230	\$45,810	\$43,040	\$48,040	\$49,180	Drive bus or motor coach, including regular route operations, charters, and private carriage. May assist passengers with baggage. May collect fares or tickets.
Shuttle Drivers and Chauffeurs	53-3053	140	\$13.74	\$14.80	\$17.71	\$17.03	\$17.89	\$20.05	\$28,580	\$30,780	\$36,840	\$35,420	\$37,210	\$41,710	Drive a motor vehicle to transport passengers on a planned or scheduled basis. May collect a fare. Includes nonemergency medical transporters and hearse drivers. Excludes "Ambulance Drivers and Attendants, Except Emergency Medical Technicians" (53-3011)
Motor Vehicle Operators, All Other	53-3099	50	\$23.35	\$25.67	\$25.96	\$26.86	\$31.22	\$31.22	\$48,570	\$53,390	\$54,000	\$55,870	\$64,940	\$64,940	All motor vehicle operators not listed separately.
Automotive and Watercraft Service Attendants	53-6031	80	\$13.37	\$15.28	\$15.28	\$16.43	\$17.65	\$20.62	\$27,810	\$31,770	\$31,770	\$34,170	\$36,710	\$42,900	Service automobiles, buses, trucks, boats, and other automotive or marine vehicles with fuel, lubricants, and accessories. Collect payment for services and supplies. May lubricate vehicle, change motor oil, refill antifreeze, or replace lights or other a
Conveyor Operators and Tenders	53-7011	90	\$17.23	\$17.53	\$21.50	\$20.34	\$22.34	\$23.26	\$35,840	\$36,460	\$44,730	\$42,310	\$46,470	\$48,370	Control or tend conveyors or conveyor systems that move materials or products to and from stockpiles, processing stations, departments, or vehicles. May control speed and routing of materials or products.
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	53-7051	140	\$14.37	\$19.04	\$23.68	\$24.71	\$28.37	\$34.26	\$29,890	\$39,590	\$49,250	\$51,390	\$59,020	\$71,260	Operate industrial trucks or tractors equipped to move materials around a warehouse, storage yard, factory, construction site, or similar location. Excludes "Logging Equipment Operators" (45-4022).
Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment	53-7061	160	\$13.80	\$14.29	\$16.35	\$16.38	\$17.43	\$20.39	\$28,700	\$29,730	\$34,000	\$34,060	\$36,260	\$42,410	Wash or otherwise clean vehicles, machinery, and other equipment. Use such materials as water, cleaning agents, brushes, cloths, and hoses. Excludes "Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners" (37-2011)
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	53-7062	460	\$14.50	\$15.24	\$17.67	\$18.70	\$21.76	\$23.57	\$30,160	\$31,710	\$36,760	\$38,900	\$45,260	\$49,030	Manually move freight, stock, luggage, or other materials, or perform other general labor. Includes all manual laborers not elsewhere classified. Excludes "Construction Laborers" (47-2061) and "Helpers, Construction Trades" (47-3011 through 47-3019). Exc
Packers and Packagers, Hand	53-7064	60	\$11.50	\$11.50	\$11.59	\$12.81	\$13.58	\$14.92	\$23,920	\$23,920	\$24,110	\$26,640	\$28,250	\$31,030	Pack or package by hand a wide variety of products and materials.

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Stockers and Order Fillers	53-7065	1,150	\$11.79	\$13.24	\$16.37	\$16.20	\$18.71	\$19.15	\$24,530	\$27,530	\$34,050	\$33,690	\$38,920	\$39,840	Receive, store, and issue merchandise, materials, equipment, and other items from stockroom, warehouse, or storage yard to fill shelves, racks, tables, or customers' orders. May operate power equipment to fill orders. May mark prices on merchandise and s
Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors	53-7081	80	\$13.34	\$13.69	\$15.78	\$16.66	\$18.18	\$22.97	\$27,750	\$28,480	\$32,820	\$34,660	\$37,820	\$47,790	Collect and dump refuse or recyclable materials from containers into truck. May drive truck.

Notes:

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[For additional occupational description information, please check out the BLS website at https://www.bls.gov/oes/soc_2018.htm.](https://www.bls.gov/oes/soc_2018.htm)

The **mean wage** is also known as the average wage. The mean wage is calculated by dividing the estimated total wages for an occupation by the number of workers in that occupation. **Percentile wages** represent the percentage of an occupation's workers who earn less than or equal to that wage. The **median wage** is the 50th percentile: 50% earn less than or equal to this amount; 50% earn more.

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