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Total all occupations	00-0000	63,050	\$14.03	\$16.12	\$21.72	\$25.80	\$29.75	\$41.66	\$29,166	\$33,535	\$45,175	\$53,681	\$61,885	\$86,661	
Chief Executives	11-1011	40	\$77.92	\$95.87		\$149.46			\$162,074	\$199,424		\$310,881			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	\$41.33	\$49.24	\$59.24	\$65.52	\$77.02	\$99.25	\$85,972	\$102,408	\$123,218	\$136,267	\$160,194	\$206,437	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	30	\$30.84	\$30.84	\$49.83	\$57.96	\$78.91	\$86.00	\$64,134	\$64,134	\$103,634	\$120,569	\$164,131	\$178,884	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	50	\$32.94	\$41.26	\$54.32	\$49.17	\$54.32	\$58.92	\$68,528	\$85,816	\$112,984	\$102,273	\$112,984	\$122,543	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	\$34.54	\$38.65	\$47.68	\$47.48	\$51.72	\$63.66	\$71,842	\$80,393	\$99,167	\$98,761	\$107,582	\$132,402	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		\$58.11	\$65.05	\$70.81	\$77.09	\$91.59	\$103.92	\$120,860	\$135,311	\$147,290	\$160,350	\$190,510	\$216,151	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	90	\$49.86	\$54.20	\$65.92	\$72.13	\$77.88	\$102.79	\$103,707	\$112,735	\$137,119	\$150,033	\$161,991	\$213,792	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	40	\$35.39	\$47.89	\$50.94	\$54.08	\$57.34	\$74.02	\$73,609	\$99,624	\$105,940	\$112,475	\$119,249	\$153,981	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	\$38.83	\$40.29	\$44.92	\$50.52	\$56.62	\$63.08	\$80,746	\$83,811	\$93,442	\$105,078	\$117,774	\$131,218	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	\$35.74	\$42.52	\$51.24	\$58.73	\$72.69	\$87.64	\$74,336	\$88,455	\$106,574	\$122,158	\$151,207	\$182,292	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	140	\$46.85	\$53.67	\$65.79	\$67.63	\$79.68	\$79.68	\$97,432	\$111,634	\$136,828	\$140,682	\$165,721	\$165,721	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	\$25.26	\$25.52	\$27.77	\$33.16	\$43.81	\$54.05	\$52,529	\$53,079	\$57,765	\$68,975	\$91,136	\$112,423	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	180							\$72,580	\$80,164	\$83,967	\$88,663	\$99,416	\$110,262	Plan, direct, or coordinate the academic, administrative, or auxiliary activities of kindergarten, elementary, or secondary schools.
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	11-9033	30	\$38.23	\$43.30	\$49.09	\$52.49	\$53.51	\$69.46	\$79,520	\$90,065	\$102,107	\$109,182	\$111,281	\$144,475	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	60	\$32.20	\$37.53	\$42.60	\$43.20	\$46.66	\$49.94	\$66,970	\$78,055	\$88,601	\$89,847	\$97,047	\$103,883	All education administrators not listed separately.

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Architectural and Engineering Managers	11-9041	40	\$51.31	\$58.62	\$64.33	\$64.74	\$69.11	\$77.93	\$106,740	\$121,919	\$133,805	\$134,646	\$143,747	\$162,095	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	130	\$23.53	\$25.73	\$29.93	\$30.26	\$32.89	\$37.00	\$48,955	\$53,526	\$62,263	\$62,949	\$68,414	\$76,954	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	20	\$23.96	\$34.47	\$38.54	\$40.93	\$42.65	\$54.73	\$49,817	\$71,707	\$80,175	\$85,141	\$88,715	\$113,836	Plan, direct, or coordinate gambling operations in a casino. May formulate house rules.
Entertainment and Recreation Managers, Except Gambling	11-9072	30	\$25.01	\$27.24	\$35.15	\$35.34	\$42.62	\$49.89	\$52,020	\$56,653	\$73,110	\$73,526	\$88,652	\$103,769	Plan, direct, or coordinate entertainment and recreational activities and operations of a recreational facility, including cruise ships and parks.
Lodging Managers	11-9081	70	\$23.55	\$23.97	\$24.62	\$28.27	\$31.64	\$39.10	\$48,986	\$49,859	\$51,209	\$58,793	\$65,796	\$81,318	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	170	\$39.81	\$47.72	\$56.96	\$59.46	\$71.57	\$79.75	\$82,803	\$99,250	\$118,491	\$123,665	\$148,869	\$165,877	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	40	\$46.08	\$49.58	\$53.40	\$57.40	\$58.94	\$69.18	\$95,832	\$103,125	\$111,073	\$119,395	\$122,584	\$143,903	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	\$33.65	\$35.64	\$42.62	\$41.82	\$47.02	\$49.74	\$69,993	\$74,118	\$88,642	\$86,969	\$97,806	\$103,468	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	160	\$19.04	\$20.54	\$23.24	\$24.51	\$24.93	\$29.50	\$39,615	\$42,731	\$48,352	\$50,981	\$51,864	\$61,339	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	70	\$30.80	\$35.40	\$41.56	\$43.99	\$51.65	\$63.74	\$64,071	\$73,629	\$86,429	\$91,499	\$107,426	\$132,579	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	50	\$23.27	\$25.03	\$33.13	\$33.70	\$37.13	\$42.74	\$48,404	\$52,072	\$68,913	\$70,097	\$77,224	\$88,912	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	\$32.55	\$41.01	\$50.42	\$45.38	\$50.48	\$50.93	\$67,697	\$85,286	\$104,881	\$94,398	\$104,995	\$105,920	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	100	\$25.63	\$35.92	\$50.54	\$51.20	\$64.93	\$75.27	\$53,308	\$74,700	\$105,130	\$106,501	\$135,051	\$156,568	All managers not listed separately.
Buyers and Purchasing Agents	13-1020	160	\$25.92	\$29.31	\$32.94	\$35.03	\$37.40	\$46.53	\$53,910	\$60,954	\$68,528	\$72,861	\$77,785	\$96,798	
Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	13-1031	50	\$25.03	\$31.18	\$32.03	\$36.95	\$45.60	\$47.76	\$52,061	\$64,861	\$66,627	\$76,871	\$94,834	\$99,343	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
Compliance Officers	13-1041	300	\$26.80	\$31.34	\$34.27	\$35.25	\$38.00	\$44.08	\$55,749	\$65,193	\$71,292	\$73,318	\$79,053	\$91,686	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

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Cost Estimators	13-1051	70	\$25.12	\$29.62	\$37.34	\$39.02	\$47.74	\$54.50	\$52,238	\$61,609	\$77,671	\$81,162	\$99,291	\$113,379	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	150	\$24.75	\$25.95	\$31.47	\$34.18	\$39.43	\$47.31	\$51,479	\$53,983	\$65,463	\$71,094	\$82,003	\$98,408	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	\$21.83	\$23.41	\$32.26	\$45.08	\$77.67	\$77.67	\$45,402	\$48,685	\$67,095	\$93,764	\$161,565	\$161,565	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" (
Logisticians	13-1081	20	\$24.64	\$25.30	\$33.94	\$33.37	\$35.94	\$44.88	\$51,251	\$52,622	\$70,596	\$69,422	\$74,752	\$93,359	Analyze and coordinate the ongoing logistical functions of a firm or organization. Responsible for the entire life cycle of a product, including acquisition, distribution, internal allocation, delivery, and final disposal of resources. Excludes "Transportation and Logistics Specialists"
Project Management Specialists	13-1082	90	\$24.04	\$31.18	\$38.43	\$41.78	\$51.26	\$64.35	\$50,004	\$64,850	\$79,936	\$86,886	\$106,636	\$133,857	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	560	\$26.71	\$29.50	\$37.44	\$39.90	\$48.20	\$57.18	\$55,552	\$61,349	\$77,879	\$82,990	\$100,237	\$118,927	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	80	\$18.06	\$18.35	\$20.05	\$22.26	\$23.71	\$28.96	\$37,547	\$38,160	\$41,693	\$46,295	\$49,318	\$60,227	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	90	\$23.71	\$25.18	\$31.31	\$32.31	\$38.09	\$44.38	\$49,318	\$52,394	\$65,141	\$67,209	\$79,209	\$92,310	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	30	\$25.82	\$27.97	\$32.30	\$35.18	\$41.50	\$52.23	\$53,703	\$58,170	\$67,178	\$73,172	\$86,315	\$108,631	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	170	\$18.92	\$23.82	\$24.12	\$29.29	\$30.49	\$44.28	\$39,355	\$49,547	\$50,191	\$60,923	\$63,417	\$92,102	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	170	\$27.52	\$32.39	\$38.93	\$41.31	\$47.77	\$58.53	\$57,235	\$67,385	\$80,975	\$85,910	\$99,364	\$121,753	All business operations specialists not listed separately.
Accountants and Auditors	13-2011	930	\$27.59	\$30.60	\$36.06	\$37.86	\$42.40	\$51.13	\$57,391	\$63,645	\$75,001	\$78,741	\$88,185	\$106,346	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	100	\$19.03	\$23.94	\$26.97	\$27.61	\$31.00	\$37.95	\$39,594	\$49,796	\$56,103	\$57,443	\$64,487	\$78,938	
Credit Analysts	13-2041	20	\$17.99	\$24.38	\$33.70	\$34.88	\$38.63	\$39.75	\$37,433	\$50,711	\$70,097	\$72,549	\$80,341	\$82,689	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" (

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Financial and Investment Analysts	13-2051	40	\$21.50	\$42.96	\$63.82	\$70.29	\$107.88	\$118.55	\$44,705	\$89,359	\$132,755	\$146,210	\$224,390	\$246,592	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
Personal Financial Advisors	13-2052	30	\$39.22	\$40.07	\$53.18	\$70.46	\$117.47		\$81,577	\$83,344	\$110,616	\$146,552	\$244,348		Advise clients on financial plans using knowledge of tax and investment strategies, securities, insurance, pension plans, and real estate. Duties include assessing clients' assets, liabilities, cash flow, insurance coverage, tax status, and financial obli
Loan Officers	13-2072	300	\$31.24	\$33.57	\$39.25	\$40.77	\$43.01	\$56.46	\$64,975	\$69,827	\$81,650	\$84,798	\$89,452	\$117,431	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	\$19.31	\$19.75	\$23.26	\$25.87	\$31.47	\$36.11	\$40,176	\$41,090	\$48,394	\$53,807	\$65,453	\$75,126	Prepare tax returns for individuals or small businesses. Excludes "Accountants and Auditors" (13-2011).
Financial Specialists, All Other	13-2099	10	\$39.86	\$43.43	\$44.88	\$45.16	\$47.77	\$50.58	\$82,907	\$90,325	\$93,359	\$93,930	\$99,364	\$105,182	All financial specialists not listed separately.
Computer Systems Analysts	15-1211		\$33.74	\$38.10	\$46.42	\$50.76	\$61.43	\$74.80	\$70,179	\$79,252	\$96,533	\$105,574	\$127,776	\$155,605	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	\$40.96	\$44.82	\$52.74	\$52.40	\$58.50	\$65.50	\$85,195	\$93,203	\$109,694	\$109,009	\$121,696	\$136,227	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	60	\$19.00	\$19.91	\$23.59	\$24.36	\$27.46	\$30.97	\$39,526	\$41,412	\$49,073	\$50,674	\$57,123	\$64,415	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	100	\$17.14	\$19.49	\$21.65	\$23.36	\$26.33	\$30.19	\$35,658	\$40,548	\$45,047	\$48,588	\$54,773	\$62,792	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	30	\$54.68	\$66.00	\$75.17	\$79.59	\$100.66	\$104.23	\$113,730	\$137,270	\$156,364	\$165,542	\$209,388	\$216,785	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	20	\$41.33	\$41.82	\$48.03	\$45.93	\$50.27	\$51.22	\$85,953	\$86,997	\$99,894	\$95,542	\$104,573	\$106,543	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	220	\$26.35	\$30.18	\$33.69	\$36.23	\$39.81	\$49.94	\$54,815	\$62,761	\$70,074	\$75,353	\$82,792	\$103,856	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		\$28.63	\$28.63	\$28.63	\$36.34	\$49.40	\$57.19	\$59,557	\$59,557	\$59,557	\$75,585	\$102,750	\$118,946	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
Software Developers	15-1252	190	\$35.61	\$38.78	\$45.27	\$47.90	\$52.42	\$63.72	\$74,057	\$80,653	\$94,162	\$99,631	\$109,041	\$132,528	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

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Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers	15-1253	20	\$21.60	\$22.38	\$31.56	\$30.04	\$34.80	\$39.00	\$44,931	\$46,544	\$65,648	\$62,476	\$72,392	\$81,117	Develop and execute software tests to identify software problems and their causes. Test system modifications to prepare for implementation. Document software and application defects using a bug tracking system and report defects to software or web develop
Web Developers	15-1254	30	\$17.45	\$18.13	\$21.77	\$23.92	\$27.04	\$34.59	\$36,301	\$37,713	\$45,290	\$49,747	\$56,248	\$71,949	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	30	\$33.80	\$38.96	\$48.26	\$48.58	\$54.51	\$72.22	\$70,316	\$81,032	\$100,379	\$101,043	\$113,372	\$150,221	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	40													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	30	\$29.74	\$33.19	\$42.20	\$44.39	\$51.85	\$65.86	\$61,854	\$69,041	\$87,787	\$92,328	\$107,850	\$136,975	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	290	\$32.56	\$36.75	\$46.89	\$46.89	\$53.64	\$61.85	\$67,724	\$76,449	\$97,534	\$97,544	\$111,570	\$128,661	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	30	\$46.02	\$49.45	\$51.64	\$53.49	\$51.64	\$69.18	\$95,711	\$102,855	\$107,407	\$111,243	\$107,407	\$143,877	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	20	\$29.06	\$31.92	\$46.30	\$46.08	\$55.85	\$68.70	\$60,453	\$66,375	\$96,301	\$95,848	\$116,164	\$142,897	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, <u>site remediation, or pollution control technology.</u>
Mechanical Engineers	17-2141		\$33.47	\$36.45	\$55.72	\$54.29	\$64.45	\$79.38	\$69,620	\$75,816	\$115,901	\$112,918	\$134,056	\$165,099	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.
Mining and Geological Engineers, Including Mining Safety Engineers	17-2151	20	\$48.37	\$53.28	\$53.28	\$54.80	\$53.28	\$64.45	\$100,600	\$110,811	\$110,822	\$113,993	\$110,822	\$134,035	Conduct subsurface surveys to identify the characteristics of potential land or mining development sites. May specify the ground support systems, processes, and equipment for safe, economical, and environmentally sound extraction or underground construct
Engineers, All Other	17-2199	50	\$26.35	\$26.35	\$41.48	\$40.22	\$41.48	\$58.82	\$54,805	\$54,805	\$86,280	\$83,667	\$86,280	\$122,349	All engineers not listed separately. Excludes "Sales Engineers" (41-9031), "Locomotive Engineers" (53-4011), and "Ship Engineers" (53-5031).
Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	17-3022	90	\$23.55	\$26.17	\$29.43	\$29.46	\$31.79	\$35.05	\$48,978	\$54,436	\$61,212	\$61,275	\$66,122	\$72,898	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	50	\$22.94	\$23.99	\$31.12	\$32.67	\$40.91	\$41.41	\$47,724	\$49,905	\$64,731	\$67,955	\$85,079	\$86,143	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
Biological Scientists, All Other	19-1029	70	\$20.04	\$30.37	\$40.42	\$38.66	\$46.55	\$54.33	\$41,686	\$63,172	\$84,078	\$80,411	\$96,828	\$113,003	All biological scientists not listed separately.

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Conservation Scientists	19-1031	150	\$26.61	\$30.89	\$36.75	\$36.70	\$41.65	\$47.78	\$55,353	\$64,236	\$76,449	\$76,343	\$86,638	\$99,378	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	\$24.40	\$26.98	\$31.70	\$31.34	\$35.44	\$37.98	\$50,759	\$56,111	\$65,932	\$65,184	\$73,709	\$78,988	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		\$32.38	\$32.38	\$38.75	\$46.01	\$60.79	\$60.79	\$67,355	\$67,355	\$80,600	\$95,690	\$126,438	\$126,438	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
Chemists	19-2031	20	\$31.64	\$32.01	\$34.72	\$35.48	\$38.17	\$43.02	\$65,816	\$66,586	\$72,223	\$73,793	\$79,389	\$89,494	Conduct qualitative and quantitative chemical analyses or experiments in laboratories for quality or process control or to develop new products or knowledge. Excludes "Biochemists and Biophysicists" (19-1021) and "Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists and G
Clinical and Counseling Psychologists	19-3033	10	\$30.26	\$32.16	\$52.93	\$45.86	\$52.93	\$61.96	\$62,950	\$66,891	\$110,105	\$95,395	\$110,105	\$128,883	Assess, diagnose, and treat mental and emotional disorders of individuals through observation, interview, and psychological tests. Help individuals with distress or maladjustment understand their problems through their knowledge of case history, interview
School Psychologists	19-3034	20	\$24.56	\$31.51	\$33.18	\$34.43	\$39.29	\$40.20	\$51,096	\$65,521	\$69,020	\$71,601	\$81,738	\$83,603	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	100	\$23.38	\$31.31	\$34.67	\$35.69	\$42.19	\$48.68	\$48,640	\$65,121	\$72,107	\$74,236	\$87,766	\$101,254	Develop comprehensive plans and programs for use of land and physical facilities of jurisdictions, such as towns, cities, counties, and metropolitan areas.
Anthropologists and Archeologists	19-3091	10	\$29.22	\$31.63	\$38.58	\$39.53	\$46.99	\$49.93	\$60,780	\$65,795	\$80,242	\$82,213	\$97,734	\$103,846	Study the origin, development, and behavior of human beings. May study the way of life, language, or physical characteristics of people in various parts of the world. May engage in systematic recovery and examination of material evidence, such as tools o
Social Scientists and Related Workers, All Other	19-3099	20	\$24.83	\$35.44	\$40.42	\$38.27	\$41.65	\$46.55	\$51,633	\$73,709	\$84,078	\$79,610	\$86,638	\$96,828	All social scientists and related workers not listed separately.
Agricultural Technicians	19-4012		\$16.22	\$17.08	\$19.52	\$19.42	\$19.87	\$25.10	\$33,730	\$35,521	\$40,590	\$40,390	\$41,349	\$52,202	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	50	\$18.34	\$20.04	\$20.04	\$21.63	\$22.35	\$26.49	\$38,135	\$41,686	\$41,686	\$44,984	\$46,491	\$55,100	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
Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians, All Other	19-4099	30	\$13.17	\$13.17	\$20.04	\$18.84	\$22.35	\$24.83	\$27,397	\$27,397	\$41,686	\$39,188	\$46,491	\$51,633	All life, physical, and social science technicians not listed separately.
Occupational Health and Safety Specialists	19-5011		\$28.95	\$34.30	\$41.65	\$41.58	\$45.52	\$58.26	\$60,211	\$71,338	\$86,638	\$86,480	\$94,689	\$121,180	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	160	\$22.25	\$23.35	\$26.43	\$27.44	\$31.34	\$34.54	\$46,301	\$48,567	\$54,973	\$57,081	\$65,195	\$71,854	Advise and assist students and provide educational and vocational guidance services.

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Rehabilitation Counselors	21-1015	100	\$21.87	\$24.76	\$24.76	\$24.87	\$24.76	\$27.96	\$45,479	\$51,517	\$51,517	\$51,728	\$51,517	\$58,145	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	\$22.30	\$25.84	\$27.12	\$28.87	\$29.56	\$36.47	\$46,386	\$53,751	\$56,417	\$60,052	\$61,475	\$75,859	
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	21-1021	380	\$21.45	\$24.64	\$27.30	\$28.12	\$30.29	\$35.89	\$44,626	\$51,233	\$56,796	\$58,493	\$63,013	\$74,657	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 foster
Healthcare Social Workers	21-1022	100	\$17.77	\$17.77	\$24.20	\$25.14	\$30.18	\$37.28	\$36,965	\$36,965	\$50,337	\$52,286	\$62,761	\$77,544	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	\$21.93	\$21.93	\$22.04	\$23.32	\$22.49	\$27.57	\$45,616	\$45,616	\$45,848	\$48,514	\$46,775	\$57,334	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	\$32.53	\$35.84	\$40.26	\$42.66	\$48.26	\$54.30	\$67,660	\$74,541	\$83,751	\$88,725	\$100,379	\$112,940	All social workers not listed separately.
Social and Human Service Assistants	21-1093	160	\$15.19	\$17.44	\$19.43	\$20.39	\$22.72	\$24.99	\$31,602	\$36,280	\$40,411	\$42,413	\$47,250	\$51,981	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 benefits
Lawyers	23-1011	240	\$33.08	\$37.35	\$48.66	\$56.54	\$61.80	\$86.62	\$68,788	\$77,703	\$101,211	\$117,618	\$128,545	\$180,168	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	\$24.44	\$27.05	\$30.53	\$30.35	\$32.80	\$35.44	\$50,832	\$56,270	\$63,488	\$63,129	\$68,219	\$73,709	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)
Title Examiners, Abstractors, and Searchers	23-2093	30	\$20.92	\$23.15	\$24.95	\$26.94	\$30.91	\$31.66	\$43,498	\$48,145	\$51,907	\$56,048	\$64,278	\$65,869	Search real estate records, examine titles, or summarize pertinent legal or insurance documents or details for a variety of purposes. May compile lists of mortgages, contracts, and other instruments pertaining to titles by searching public and private records
Business Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1011	40							\$64,499	\$64,847	\$66,744	\$78,050	\$86,406	\$113,024	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							\$60,938	\$62,276	\$66,670	\$71,675	\$81,190	\$81,475	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 teaching and research
Mathematical Science Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1022	10							\$53,835	\$59,473	\$68,725	\$72,381	\$82,803	\$101,654	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 teaching and those who do a combination of teaching and research
Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1042	20							\$52,508	\$64,531	\$64,900	\$72,076	\$85,058	\$87,513	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							\$54,173	\$61,433	\$67,755	\$67,629	\$67,755	\$67,755	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

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Sociology Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1067	10							\$50,474	\$54,004	\$64,984	\$66,080	\$65,395	\$84,857	Teach courses in sociology. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teaching and those who do a combination of teaching and research.
Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1072	20							\$53,720	\$65,226	\$78,040	\$84,900	\$114,583	\$124,710	Demonstrate and teach patient care in classroom and clinical units to nursing students. Includes both teachers primarily engaged in teaching and those who do a combination of teaching and research.
Education Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1081	30							\$54,120	\$65,458	\$65,458	\$67,239	\$65,827	\$81,075	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 and research.
Social Work Teachers, Postsecondary	25-1113	10							\$50,600	\$50,611	\$66,575	\$64,246	\$79,631	\$83,245	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							\$51,338	\$57,692	\$68,398	\$66,006	\$68,398	\$82,086	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	20							\$50,495	\$56,417	\$64,984	\$63,382	\$65,026	\$81,348	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							\$49,262	\$49,926	\$66,965	\$68,398	\$73,646	\$86,838	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	\$23.72	\$23.72	\$33.79	\$29.98	\$33.79	\$34.85	\$49,336	\$49,336	\$70,284	\$62,360	\$70,284	\$72,487	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 school.
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	25-2011	240	\$12.99	\$14.66	\$16.98	\$18.18	\$22.68	\$26.03	\$27,028	\$30,495	\$35,300	\$37,808	\$47,155	\$54,141	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							\$47,713	\$49,462	\$51,180	\$52,487	\$54,668	\$60,780	Teach academic and social skills to kindergarten students. Excludes "Special Education Teachers" (25-2050) and "Substitute Teachers, Short-Term" (25-3031).
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	25-2021	960							\$49,009	\$49,852	\$52,919	\$53,962	\$60,221	\$62,381	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	390							\$49,473	\$50,453	\$53,098	\$54,520	\$60,527	\$62,908	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" (25-3031).
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	25-2031	790							\$49,410	\$50,432	\$52,792	\$54,910	\$61,443	\$64,204	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							\$50,105	\$51,254	\$59,062	\$56,923	\$61,296	\$63,467	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							\$47,998	\$50,063	\$53,519	\$54,699	\$60,168	\$64,858	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

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Special Education Teachers, Middle School	25-2057	50							\$48,388	\$51,317	\$54,784	\$55,585	\$61,233	\$62,086	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	120							\$48,356	\$49,294	\$50,590	\$54,436	\$57,660	\$65,679	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 hearing
Adult Basic Education, Adult Secondary Education, and English as a Second Language Instructors	25-3011	40	\$17.18	\$17.36	\$25.29	\$23.05	\$25.82	\$31.02	\$35,722	\$36,101	\$52,603	\$47,934	\$53,709	\$64,520	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	30	\$14.71	\$22.11	\$29.98	\$29.58	\$31.58	\$44.26	\$30,601	\$45,985	\$62,350	\$61,517	\$65,679	\$92,054	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	450	\$12.15	\$12.32	\$13.33	\$14.32	\$15.29	\$17.72	\$25,279	\$25,616	\$27,724	\$29,800	\$31,802	\$36,870	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	30	\$12.11	\$14.89	\$19.29	\$17.62	\$19.30	\$21.48	\$25,174	\$30,980	\$40,137	\$36,649	\$40,147	\$44,668	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							\$55,279	\$67,397	\$78,461	\$78,366	\$86,638	\$98,166	All teachers and instructors not listed separately.
Archivists	25-4011	10	\$21.88	\$21.91	\$25.57	\$25.03	\$26.66	\$28.31	\$45,490	\$45,564	\$53,182	\$52,065	\$55,448	\$58,893	Appraise, edit, and direct safekeeping of permanent records and historically valuable documents. Participate in research activities based on archival materials.
Museum Technicians and Conservators	25-4013	20	\$15.32	\$15.32	\$15.33	\$18.02	\$23.31	\$24.83	\$31,865	\$31,865	\$31,886	\$37,481	\$48,482	\$51,633	Restore, maintain, or prepare objects in museum collections for storage, research, or exhibit. May work with specimens such as fossils, skeletal parts, or botanicals; or artifacts, textiles, or art. May identify and record objects or install and arrange
Librarians and Media Collections Specialists	25-4022	120	\$15.25	\$18.15	\$23.29	\$23.86	\$28.21	\$33.49	\$31,717	\$37,734	\$48,451	\$49,620	\$58,672	\$69,641	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
Library Technicians	25-4031	130	\$12.44	\$12.44	\$13.76	\$14.72	\$14.84	\$20.58	\$25,880	\$25,880	\$28,619	\$30,611	\$30,864	\$42,803	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 shelve books
Instructional Coordinators	25-9031	80	\$18.38	\$24.46	\$32.41	\$32.99	\$38.70	\$43.66	\$38,219	\$50,874	\$67,418	\$68,630	\$80,495	\$90,801	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, Except Postsecondary	25-9045	1,170							\$25,121	\$27,376	\$29,210	\$30,021	\$30,748	\$37,355	
Educational Instruction and Library Workers, All Other	25-9099	70	\$18.96	\$21.49	\$26.61	\$24.15	\$26.61	\$26.61	\$39,431	\$44,689	\$55,342	\$50,232	\$55,342	\$55,342	All educational instruction and library workers not listed separately.
Floral Designers	27-1023	30	\$14.55	\$15.07	\$15.81	\$17.05	\$17.36	\$22.00	\$30,274	\$31,349	\$32,877	\$35,458	\$36,101	\$45,753	Design, cut, and arrange live, dried, or artificial flowers and foliage.
Graphic Designers	27-1024	40	\$15.84	\$17.40	\$19.89	\$20.67	\$22.27	\$28.22	\$32,929	\$36,175	\$41,391	\$43,003	\$46,312	\$58,704	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).

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Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers	27-1026	20	\$16.99	\$17.31	\$17.49	\$19.93	\$21.78	\$28.51	\$35,321	\$36,006	\$36,386	\$41,443	\$45,311	\$59,294	Plan and erect commercial displays, such as those in windows and interiors of retail stores and at trade exhibitions.
Coaches and Scouts	27-2022	180							\$28,440	\$30,759	\$36,154	\$39,557	\$43,888	\$55,121	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	\$14.21	\$14.21	\$19.10	\$18.42	\$21.75	\$23.36	\$29,557	\$29,557	\$39,747	\$38,314	\$45,226	\$48,588	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	\$14.53	\$14.75	\$18.01	\$18.18	\$21.92	\$21.92	\$30,221	\$30,685	\$37,460	\$37,808	\$45,574	\$45,574	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	\$22.49	\$27.07	\$33.23	\$33.18	\$37.99	\$44.28	\$46,775	\$56,312	\$69,125	\$69,020	\$79,020	\$92,097	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	20	\$22.94	\$25.64	\$28.44	\$28.16	\$30.87	\$32.04	\$47,713	\$53,330	\$59,157	\$58,567	\$64,215	\$66,649	Plan, coordinate, revise, or edit written material. May review proposals and drafts for possible publication.
Court Reporters and Simultaneous Captioners	27-3092	10	\$20.56	\$20.76	\$32.57	\$29.91	\$38.25	\$38.25	\$42,761	\$43,182	\$67,745	\$62,202	\$79,557	\$79,557	Use verbatim methods and equipment to capture, store, retrieve, and transcribe pretrial and trial proceedings or other information. Includes stenocaptioners who operate computerized stenographic captioning equipment to provide captions of live or prereco
Broadcast Technicians	27-4012	10	\$11.80	\$11.80	\$13.38	\$14.53	\$13.38	\$21.04	\$24,552	\$24,552	\$27,840	\$30,232	\$27,840	\$43,772	Set up, operate, and maintain the electronic equipment used to acquire, edit, and transmit audio and video for radio or television programs. Control and adjust incoming and outgoing broadcast signals to regulate sound volume, signal strength, and signal
Photographers	27-4021	30	\$15.19	\$15.93	\$18.55	\$20.59	\$25.46	\$26.54	\$31,602	\$33,140	\$38,577	\$42,834	\$52,961	\$55,216	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	30	\$39.24	\$40.01	\$40.36	\$47.51	\$52.41	\$86.27	\$81,612	\$83,224	\$83,951	\$98,819	\$109,030	\$179,430	Assess, treat, and care for patients by manipulation of spine and musculoskeletal system. May provide spinal adjustment or address sacral or pelvic misalignment.
Dentists, General	29-1021	20	\$44.82	\$46.90	\$51.55	\$67.01	\$82.69	\$99.17	\$93,214	\$97,566	\$107,218	\$139,378	\$172,001	\$206,258	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	\$93.70	\$108.24	\$119.70	\$115.35			\$194,878	\$225,141	\$248,987	\$239,936			All dentists not listed separately.
Dietitians and Nutritionists	29-1031	30	\$22.79	\$29.25	\$30.71	\$32.77	\$38.77	\$41.65	\$47,408	\$60,843	\$63,856	\$68,166	\$80,632	\$86,638	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	\$42.16	\$49.31	\$57.79	\$66.50	\$86.86	\$109.30	\$87,692	\$102,581	\$120,200	\$138,335	\$180,653	\$227,344	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 specifi
Pharmacists	29-1051	140	\$62.24	\$65.50	\$69.36	\$70.06	\$76.11	\$81.80	\$129,473	\$136,238	\$144,257	\$145,732	\$158,313	\$170,147	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

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Physician Assistants	29-1071	80	\$51.88	\$61.07	\$68.45	\$68.26	\$76.16	\$80.88	\$107,892	\$127,028	\$142,381	\$141,970	\$158,419	\$168,240	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 education
Occupational Therapists	29-1122	50	\$32.35	\$35.25	\$41.54	\$40.14	\$44.05	\$48.15	\$67,281	\$73,319	\$86,396	\$83,488	\$91,612	\$100,147	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	120	\$34.21	\$40.83	\$46.92	\$46.32	\$51.73	\$57.10	\$71,159	\$84,931	\$97,608	\$96,354	\$107,597	\$118,777	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	\$32.79	\$32.79	\$33.85	\$34.96	\$34.74	\$43.55	\$68,198	\$68,198	\$70,400	\$72,708	\$72,265	\$90,590	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	70	\$28.55	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$33.22	\$35.28	\$42.15	\$59,368	\$66,575	\$66,575	\$69,115	\$73,382	\$87,660	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	50	\$30.15	\$36.56	\$42.91	\$48.56	\$62.81	\$67.08	\$62,708	\$76,059	\$89,252	\$101,001	\$130,653	\$139,515	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	1,430	\$25.69	\$31.54	\$38.23	\$38.24	\$43.77	\$51.69	\$53,446	\$65,585	\$79,526	\$79,547	\$91,053	\$107,502	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 prevention
Nurse Practitioners	29-1171	110	\$50.32	\$55.91	\$64.04	\$64.24	\$73.40	\$84.43	\$104,657	\$116,290	\$133,192	\$133,603	\$152,686	\$175,595	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													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.
Family Medicine Physicians	29-1215	50	\$81.97	\$91.59	\$114.45	\$123.30			\$170,495	\$190,505	\$238,050	\$256,448			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,
Physicians, All Other	29-1229	30	\$119.10			\$146.45			\$247,734			\$304,604			All physicians not listed separately.
Dental Hygienists	29-1292	80	\$32.84	\$39.56	\$41.85	\$41.74	\$46.58	\$47.69	\$68,324	\$82,276	\$87,049	\$86,828	\$96,870	\$99,199	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	\$40.42	\$40.42	\$50.66	\$49.11	\$57.44	\$59.37	\$84,078	\$84,078	\$105,374	\$102,170	\$119,473	\$123,487	All healthcare diagnosing or treating practitioners not listed separately.
Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians	29-2010	140	\$21.90	\$25.57	\$29.80	\$32.49	\$35.75	\$51.98	\$45,553	\$53,193	\$61,970	\$67,566	\$74,362	\$108,124	
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	29-2032	20	\$23.87	\$28.78	\$31.95	\$35.10	\$40.03	\$45.70	\$49,642	\$59,852	\$66,449	\$73,013	\$83,266	\$95,058	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	140	\$25.90	\$31.02	\$38.91	\$37.08	\$43.72	\$43.72	\$53,867	\$64,531	\$80,938	\$77,123	\$90,927	\$90,927	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

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Emergency Medical Technicians	29-2042	280	\$15.05	\$18.81	\$20.77	\$20.46	\$24.44	\$24.67	\$31,296	\$39,115	\$43,193	\$42,560	\$50,832	\$51,306	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	90	\$19.67	\$22.93	\$24.00	\$24.38	\$26.90	\$27.36	\$40,917	\$47,703	\$49,937	\$50,716	\$55,943	\$56,891	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	160	\$17.98	\$19.31	\$23.67	\$23.67	\$25.29	\$31.24	\$37,387	\$40,179	\$49,231	\$49,220	\$52,603	\$64,984	Prepare medications under the direction of a pharmacist. May measure, mix, count out, label, and record amounts and dosages of medications according to prescription orders.
Surgical Technologists	29-2055	50	\$18.87	\$19.80	\$26.65	\$27.45	\$34.23	\$34.23	\$39,241	\$41,191	\$55,427	\$57,102	\$71,180	\$71,180	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	60	\$16.86	\$18.77	\$21.03	\$21.05	\$22.92	\$24.87	\$35,068	\$39,041	\$43,741	\$43,793	\$47,671	\$51,717	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	\$16.35	\$18.18	\$19.84	\$20.93	\$23.55	\$26.69	\$34,015	\$37,798	\$41,264	\$43,519	\$48,978	\$55,521	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	240	\$19.26	\$23.94	\$25.54	\$26.75	\$29.87	\$32.87	\$40,053	\$49,800	\$53,129	\$55,658	\$62,128	\$68,356	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.
Medical Records Specialists	29-2072	110	\$18.57	\$23.00	\$27.18	\$27.06	\$30.68	\$34.84	\$38,609	\$47,840	\$56,522	\$56,280	\$63,825	\$72,455	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	\$18.23	\$18.35	\$19.03	\$20.34	\$22.03	\$24.77	\$37,924	\$38,156	\$39,578	\$42,297	\$45,816	\$51,528	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	20	\$19.64	\$19.64	\$20.56	\$24.62	\$28.64	\$30.23	\$40,853	\$40,853	\$42,750	\$51,191	\$59,568	\$62,876	All health technologists and technicians not listed separately.
Health Information Technologists and Medical Registrars	29-9021	20	\$20.93	\$21.15	\$24.63	\$27.58	\$31.52	\$40.95	\$43,530	\$43,983	\$51,222	\$57,365	\$65,553	\$85,184	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
Athletic Trainers	29-9091	10													Evaluate and treat musculoskeletal injuries or illnesses. Provide preventive, therapeutic, emergency, and rehabilitative care. Excludes "Physical Therapists" (29-1123).
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	31-1120	590	\$15.22	\$17.92	\$18.59	\$18.94	\$20.00	\$21.88	\$31,648	\$37,269	\$38,647	\$39,405	\$41,594	\$45,499	
Nursing Assistants	31-1131	820	\$14.75	\$17.13	\$18.57	\$19.37	\$21.58	\$23.59	\$30,669	\$35,637	\$38,626	\$40,279	\$44,868	\$49,056	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
Occupational Therapy Assistants	31-2011	10	\$17.44	\$19.56	\$20.23	\$21.57	\$23.03	\$26.99	\$36,279	\$40,668	\$42,089	\$44,857	\$47,899	\$56,119	Assist occupational therapists in providing occupational therapy treatments and procedures. May, in accordance with State laws, assist in development of treatment plans, carry out routine functions, direct activity programs, and document the progress of

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Physical Therapist Assistants	31-2021	40	\$21.67	\$23.14	\$24.49	\$26.00	\$28.56	\$34.96	\$45,078	\$48,151	\$50,930	\$54,066	\$59,402	\$72,716	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	150	\$18.60	\$19.27	\$23.85	\$23.52	\$24.62	\$30.95	\$38,689	\$40,079	\$49,604	\$48,920	\$51,193	\$64,381	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	120	\$15.81	\$18.44	\$19.40	\$19.77	\$21.42	\$22.69	\$32,880	\$38,363	\$40,342	\$41,121	\$44,552	\$47,194	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 Transcriptionists	31-9094	40	\$15.82	\$19.77	\$25.12	\$24.20	\$28.84	\$29.48	\$32,890	\$41,110	\$52,256	\$50,319	\$59,971	\$61,318	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	60	\$13.58	\$13.69	\$14.44	\$15.59	\$17.94	\$18.05	\$28,228	\$28,491	\$30,027	\$32,427	\$37,332	\$37,532	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	\$20.02	\$22.69	\$25.29	\$26.47	\$29.76	\$32.36	\$41,636	\$47,194	\$52,603	\$55,056	\$61,907	\$67,317	All healthcare support workers not listed separately.
First-Line Supervisors of Correctional Officers	33-1011	10	\$21.88	\$34.97	\$36.49	\$36.92	\$37.78	\$43.22	\$45,520	\$72,737	\$75,905	\$76,790	\$78,600	\$89,882	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of correctional officers and jailers.
First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	33-1012	60	\$29.61	\$35.02	\$38.07	\$41.57	\$47.46	\$57.84	\$61,592	\$72,843	\$79,168	\$86,472	\$98,702	\$120,310	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of members of police force.
First-Line Supervisors of Security Workers	33-1091	20	\$18.59	\$19.33	\$25.76	\$27.11	\$33.94	\$35.12	\$38,658	\$40,216	\$53,593	\$56,392	\$70,601	\$73,053	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of security workers and security guards.
Firefighters	33-2011	90	\$17.45	\$17.52	\$22.67	\$21.98	\$22.69	\$28.87	\$36,290	\$36,448	\$47,151	\$45,720	\$47,183	\$60,044	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	300	\$17.73	\$20.54	\$23.02	\$23.59	\$26.47	\$30.59	\$36,890	\$42,742	\$47,888	\$49,056	\$55,056	\$63,612	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	\$26.51	\$31.36	\$33.45	\$39.30	\$41.50	\$65.40	\$55,150	\$65,244	\$69,569	\$81,736	\$86,325	\$136,034	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	\$21.41	\$23.97	\$30.62	\$31.14	\$34.48	\$42.18	\$44,520	\$49,856	\$63,686	\$64,770	\$71,717	\$87,746	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	520	\$23.47	\$24.26	\$27.71	\$28.20	\$30.57	\$33.56	\$48,814	\$50,456	\$57,645	\$58,634	\$63,591	\$69,812	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
Gambling Surveillance Officers and Gambling Investigators	33-9031	60	\$14.16	\$14.90	\$17.06	\$18.20	\$21.95	\$22.64	\$29,449	\$30,996	\$35,479	\$37,858	\$45,657	\$47,078	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 managemen
Security Guards	33-9032	300	\$14.38	\$16.11	\$17.61	\$18.66	\$19.72	\$25.40	\$29,891	\$33,511	\$36,637	\$38,805	\$41,015	\$52,824	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).

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Lifeguards, Ski Patrol, and Other Recreational Protective Service Workers	33-9092	140	\$12.90	\$13.92	\$14.75	\$14.86	\$15.80	\$16.64	\$26,849	\$28,964	\$30,669	\$30,901	\$32,859	\$34,616	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	\$17.61	\$19.68	\$20.02	\$23.09	\$26.01	\$31.35	\$36,627	\$40,931	\$41,636	\$48,014	\$54,098	\$65,212	All protective service workers not listed separately.
Chefs and Head Cooks	35-1011	60	\$18.32	\$22.10	\$22.51	\$24.95	\$27.55	\$30.56	\$38,111	\$45,973	\$46,836	\$51,898	\$57,308	\$63,570	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	370	\$15.71	\$17.72	\$19.69	\$20.26	\$22.49	\$24.70	\$32,680	\$36,869	\$40,963	\$42,142	\$46,783	\$51,372	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of workers engaged in preparing and serving food.
Cooks, Institution and Cafeteria	35-2012	490	\$14.57	\$15.62	\$17.49	\$18.36	\$19.39	\$22.63	\$30,291	\$32,501	\$36,384	\$38,174	\$40,321	\$47,067	Prepare and cook large quantities of food for institutions, such as schools, hospitals, or cafeterias.
Cooks, Restaurant	35-2014	310	\$14.61	\$15.68	\$17.69	\$17.65	\$18.81	\$20.66	\$30,396	\$32,617	\$36,795	\$36,721	\$39,110	\$42,963	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	\$13.16	\$14.55	\$15.42	\$15.92	\$17.83	\$18.94	\$27,365	\$30,248	\$32,059	\$33,122	\$37,090	\$39,405	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	450	\$12.63	\$13.40	\$14.73	\$15.16	\$16.56	\$18.23	\$26,270	\$27,870	\$30,648	\$31,522	\$34,448	\$37,921	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	780	\$12.57	\$13.55	\$14.27	\$15.05	\$15.08	\$17.86	\$26,144	\$28,186	\$29,680	\$31,301	\$31,364	\$37,153	Mix and serve drinks to patrons, directly or through waitstaff.
Fast Food and Counter Workers	35-3023	1,980	\$12.54	\$14.06	\$14.58	\$14.97	\$15.17	\$18.20	\$26,060	\$29,249	\$30,333	\$31,133	\$31,543	\$37,837	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	1,100	\$12.78	\$13.43	\$13.89	\$14.57	\$14.85	\$17.43	\$26,586	\$27,933	\$28,901	\$30,291	\$30,891	\$36,258	Take orders and serve food and beverages to patrons at tables in dining establishment. Excludes "Fast Food and Counter Workers" (35-3023).
Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	35-9011	230	\$12.35	\$13.09	\$14.23	\$14.23	\$14.82	\$16.78	\$25,670	\$27,228	\$29,596	\$29,596	\$30,827	\$34,900	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	230	\$11.81	\$11.88	\$13.23	\$13.47	\$14.21	\$15.91	\$24,565	\$24,702	\$27,523	\$28,017	\$29,554	\$33,101	Clean dishes, kitchen, food preparation equipment, or utensils.
Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, Lounge, and Coffee Shop	35-9031	90	\$13.51	\$14.23	\$14.44	\$14.93	\$15.09	\$17.79	\$28,112	\$29,596	\$30,027	\$31,059	\$31,385	\$36,984	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	100	\$15.90	\$18.28	\$21.61	\$21.49	\$24.52	\$25.95	\$33,080	\$38,026	\$44,941	\$44,699	\$51,004	\$53,982	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	\$19.49	\$20.36	\$23.70	\$25.45	\$30.29	\$31.96	\$40,552	\$42,331	\$49,288	\$52,930	\$63,002	\$66,496	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	1,270	\$14.17	\$15.22	\$17.15	\$17.48	\$18.81	\$21.68	\$29,459	\$31,648	\$35,658	\$36,374	\$39,121	\$45,099	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 activities
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	37-2012	920	\$13.69	\$13.84	\$14.28	\$15.10	\$16.88	\$18.07	\$28,470	\$28,786	\$29,712	\$31,427	\$35,122	\$37,584	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
Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	37-3011	390	\$13.77	\$14.10	\$15.22	\$16.31	\$18.18	\$20.13	\$28,628	\$29,322	\$31,648	\$33,932	\$37,805	\$41,868	Landscaping 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

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Pesticide Handlers, Sprayers, and Applicators, Vegetation	37-3012	140	\$17.92	\$19.17	\$22.37	\$22.17	\$23.81	\$25.76	\$37,290	\$39,868	\$46,530	\$46,099	\$49,509	\$53,582	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. Crop dust.
First-Line Supervisors of Gambling Services Workers	39-1013	50	\$19.63	\$21.17	\$22.93	\$23.35	\$24.71	\$27.11	\$40,837	\$44,015	\$47,699	\$48,572	\$51,404	\$56,392	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	50	\$16.53	\$17.78	\$22.59	\$21.30	\$23.39	\$25.04	\$34,395	\$36,974	\$46,973	\$44,310	\$48,646	\$52,088	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of entertainment and recreation related workers.
First-Line Supervisors of Personal Service Workers	39-1022	30	\$19.30	\$21.70	\$22.63	\$25.36	\$24.72	\$42.43	\$40,152	\$45,131	\$47,078	\$52,751	\$51,435	\$88,241	Supervise and coordinate activities of personal service workers.
Animal Caretakers	39-2021	120	\$11.79	\$12.35	\$14.24	\$14.98	\$15.48	\$18.32	\$24,523	\$25,681	\$29,628	\$31,143	\$32,206	\$38,121	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	\$14.58	\$14.88	\$17.53	\$17.01	\$18.01	\$19.26	\$30,322	\$30,954	\$36,479	\$35,364	\$37,448	\$40,068	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	50	\$13.69	\$14.05	\$15.70	\$15.58	\$16.87	\$18.26	\$28,470	\$29,228	\$32,659	\$32,406	\$35,079	\$37,974	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	30	\$13.84	\$13.84	\$14.93	\$15.06	\$14.93	\$17.36	\$28,796	\$28,796	\$31,069	\$31,333	\$31,069	\$36,111	All gambling service workers not listed separately.
Ushers, Lobby Attendants, and Ticket Takers	39-3031	60	\$12.00	\$12.44	\$13.39	\$13.17	\$13.46	\$13.82	\$24,954	\$25,870	\$27,849	\$27,386	\$28,007	\$28,743	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	180	\$12.39	\$12.62	\$14.23	\$14.17	\$14.68	\$15.95	\$25,765	\$26,239	\$29,585	\$29,480	\$30,533	\$33,164	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	30	\$15.07	\$15.08	\$15.73	\$16.99	\$17.66	\$19.57	\$31,354	\$31,375	\$32,722	\$35,343	\$36,732	\$40,689	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	30	\$25.31	\$26.04	\$29.80	\$31.19	\$33.40	\$40.52	\$52,645	\$54,161	\$61,960	\$64,854	\$69,464	\$84,273	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	30	\$18.94	\$19.92	\$26.44	\$26.54	\$30.28	\$33.49	\$39,405	\$41,447	\$54,992	\$55,224	\$62,981	\$69,654	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	10	\$13.22	\$13.65	\$13.97	\$13.96	\$14.05	\$14.88	\$27,491	\$28,396	\$29,038	\$29,028	\$29,238	\$30,954	Handle baggage for travelers at transportation terminals or for guests at hotels or similar establishments.
Tour and travel guides	39-7010	100	\$14.16	\$16.00	\$17.45	\$17.71	\$18.31	\$22.10	\$29,449	\$33,280	\$36,290	\$36,837	\$38,090	\$45,973	

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Childcare Workers	39-9011	400	\$12.07	\$13.28	\$13.85	\$14.12	\$15.38	\$15.70	\$25,112	\$27,638	\$28,817	\$29,385	\$31,985	\$32,659	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	90	\$13.10	\$13.61	\$17.40	\$18.22	\$22.10	\$23.65	\$27,249	\$28,312	\$36,185	\$37,900	\$45,973	\$49,193	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
Recreation Workers	39-9032	110	\$15.42	\$16.86	\$20.16	\$20.52	\$21.95	\$26.24	\$32,069	\$35,069	\$41,931	\$42,689	\$45,667	\$54,571	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	220	\$14.49	\$15.45	\$17.79	\$17.23	\$18.33	\$21.16	\$30,154	\$32,132	\$36,995	\$35,827	\$38,132	\$44,015	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	610	\$17.93	\$22.48	\$24.05	\$27.45	\$29.72	\$39.88	\$37,281	\$46,746	\$50,022	\$57,103	\$61,820	\$82,949	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	70	\$30.92	\$43.70	\$50.83	\$54.24	\$61.77	\$77.00	\$64,308	\$90,890	\$105,736	\$112,817	\$128,472	\$160,164	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	2,560	\$12.23	\$13.88	\$14.32	\$14.98	\$16.48	\$17.88	\$25,452	\$28,873	\$29,785	\$31,164	\$34,285	\$37,198	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	210	\$13.62	\$14.40	\$15.87	\$15.90	\$17.99	\$18.29	\$28,334	\$29,951	\$33,020	\$33,072	\$37,416	\$38,027	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	100	\$13.33	\$14.87	\$18.68	\$19.60	\$23.22	\$24.62	\$27,733	\$30,926	\$38,857	\$40,775	\$48,301	\$51,214	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	230	\$15.20	\$18.04	\$21.62	\$22.31	\$24.12	\$29.91	\$31,610	\$37,519	\$44,963	\$46,414	\$50,178	\$62,214	Sell spare and replacement parts and equipment in repair shop or parts store.
Retail Salespersons	41-2031	1,440	\$13.28	\$14.29	\$17.40	\$20.37	\$21.62	\$31.81	\$27,618	\$29,713	\$36,182	\$42,382	\$44,953	\$66,164	Sell merchandise, such as furniture, motor vehicles, appliances, or apparel to consumers. Excludes "Cashiers" (41-2011).
Advertising Sales Agents	41-3011	50	\$17.94	\$18.65	\$22.81	\$25.98	\$29.54	\$42.33	\$37,312	\$38,794	\$47,441	\$54,045	\$61,437	\$88,039	Sell or solicit advertising space, time, or media in publications, signage, TV, radio, or internet establishments or public spaces.
Insurance Sales Agents	41-3021	220	\$22.21	\$22.70	\$29.97	\$33.62	\$38.26	\$61.89	\$46,197	\$47,233	\$62,328	\$69,938	\$79,569	\$128,741	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.
Travel Agents	41-3041	20	\$18.54	\$20.10	\$26.12	\$24.81	\$28.49	\$28.67	\$38,556	\$41,822	\$54,314	\$51,598	\$59,249	\$59,633	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 resol

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Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	41-3091	20	\$19.65	\$19.65	\$21.27	\$25.78	\$30.22	\$38.66	\$40,858	\$40,858	\$44,258	\$53,640	\$62,867	\$80,419	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
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products	41-4011	160	\$32.29	\$38.37	\$49.87	\$59.74	\$76.61	\$103.79	\$67,180	\$79,807	\$103,725	\$124,252	\$159,356	\$215,868	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	430	\$23.06	\$29.48	\$36.88	\$38.68	\$45.35	\$56.15	\$47,969	\$61,333	\$76,708	\$80,450	\$94,322	\$116,777	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	50	\$23.45	\$25.03	\$31.88	\$33.12	\$38.65	\$47.01	\$48,778	\$52,044	\$66,309	\$68,891	\$80,398	\$97,774	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	30	\$21.36	\$23.04	\$27.12	\$28.56	\$34.10	\$38.31	\$44,434	\$47,918	\$56,408	\$59,405	\$70,912	\$79,673	All sales and related workers not listed separately.
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	43-1011	210	\$18.27	\$20.67	\$24.95	\$26.50	\$30.45	\$38.68	\$38,001	\$42,988	\$51,894	\$55,121	\$63,325	\$80,466	Directly supervise and coordinate the activities of clerical and administrative support workers.
Switchboard Operators, Including Answering Service	43-2011	10	\$11.99	\$14.17	\$19.05	\$18.09	\$20.91	\$23.15	\$24,925	\$29,452	\$39,604	\$37,645	\$43,502	\$48,164	Operate telephone business systems equipment or switchboards to relay incoming, outgoing, and interoffice calls. May supply information to callers and record messages.
Bill and Account Collectors	43-3011	40	\$18.46	\$20.37	\$23.41	\$24.25	\$29.61	\$30.75	\$38,389	\$42,370	\$48,688	\$50,448	\$61,596	\$63,953	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	60	\$16.77	\$17.84	\$19.94	\$21.98	\$23.72	\$30.08	\$34,879	\$37,100	\$41,480	\$45,723	\$49,348	\$62,560	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	1,580	\$16.50	\$18.58	\$21.41	\$21.78	\$24.36	\$28.55	\$34,324	\$38,630	\$44,518	\$45,304	\$50,679	\$59,396	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	150	\$14.23	\$14.40	\$16.29	\$16.97	\$19.00	\$21.05	\$29,598	\$29,944	\$33,873	\$35,308	\$39,499	\$43,774	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	60	\$17.48	\$21.52	\$23.32	\$23.68	\$26.05	\$28.96	\$36,356	\$44,749	\$48,510	\$49,243	\$54,178	\$60,234	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	\$19.93	\$20.60	\$22.59	\$23.85	\$26.66	\$28.80	\$41,448	\$42,842	\$46,980	\$49,600	\$55,467	\$59,909	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	320	\$15.76	\$17.02	\$18.73	\$18.76	\$20.98	\$22.33	\$32,773	\$35,392	\$38,976	\$39,028	\$43,627	\$46,446	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	210	\$15.02	\$17.38	\$20.42	\$21.36	\$23.25	\$30.05	\$31,243	\$36,157	\$42,464	\$44,445	\$48,363	\$62,497	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

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Customer Service Representatives	43-4051	330	\$14.68	\$17.25	\$20.21	\$21.27	\$24.54	\$29.47	\$30,520	\$35,874	\$42,035	\$44,235	\$51,035	\$61,292	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	230	\$17.87	\$20.85	\$24.55	\$24.05	\$26.87	\$31.23	\$37,184	\$43,355	\$51,056	\$50,019	\$55,896	\$64,959	Determine eligibility of persons applying to receive assistance from government programs and agency resources, such as welfare, unemployment benefits, social security, and public housing.
File Clerks	43-4071	20	\$16.39	\$16.39	\$17.68	\$17.70	\$18.65	\$18.65	\$34,072	\$34,072	\$36,765	\$36,796	\$38,787	\$38,787	File correspondence, cards, invoices, receipts, and other records in alphabetical or numerical order or according to the filing system used. Locate and remove material from file when requested.
Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks	43-4081	510	\$14.05	\$14.42	\$14.86	\$15.76	\$17.56	\$18.28	\$29,232	\$29,997	\$30,887	\$32,783	\$36,513	\$38,022	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	40	\$15.55	\$15.94	\$19.75	\$20.54	\$25.03	\$25.62	\$32,333	\$33,140	\$41,071	\$42,716	\$52,062	\$53,277	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	230	\$18.22	\$18.78	\$21.49	\$21.79	\$24.54	\$26.39	\$37,896	\$39,049	\$44,686	\$45,335	\$51,035	\$54,901	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	\$15.73	\$17.43	\$19.67	\$21.17	\$26.34	\$30.99	\$32,721	\$36,251	\$40,914	\$44,036	\$54,786	\$64,467	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	680	\$13.98	\$15.06	\$17.99	\$17.97	\$19.98	\$22.21	\$29,064	\$31,317	\$37,404	\$37,373	\$41,563	\$46,205	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	90	\$19.27	\$21.92	\$25.91	\$25.75	\$29.63	\$32.10	\$40,076	\$45,587	\$53,895	\$53,570	\$61,627	\$66,772	All information and record clerks not listed separately.
Public Safety Telecommunicators	43-5031	120	\$16.67	\$18.40	\$21.75	\$21.33	\$22.76	\$24.88	\$34,669	\$38,263	\$45,241	\$44,371	\$47,336	\$51,747	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	50	\$15.77	\$17.81	\$19.90	\$21.36	\$23.68	\$27.35	\$32,783	\$37,048	\$41,385	\$44,424	\$49,254	\$56,881	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	130	\$17.71	\$21.46	\$29.15	\$28.72	\$34.60	\$37.30	\$36,828	\$44,633	\$60,632	\$59,731	\$71,958	\$77,584	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	\$21.35	\$21.35	\$28.75	\$29.11	\$35.54	\$37.93	\$44,413	\$44,413	\$59,783	\$60,548	\$73,917	\$78,894	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.

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Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	43-5061	20	\$19.91	\$21.10	\$25.47	\$27.73	\$29.95	\$38.76	\$41,406	\$43,900	\$52,973	\$57,688	\$62,298	\$80,602	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	210	\$15.12	\$17.59	\$19.09	\$19.79	\$22.41	\$24.46	\$31,442	\$36,587	\$39,698	\$41,176	\$46,603	\$50,878	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
Weighers, Measurers, Checkers, and Samplers, Recordkeeping	43-5111	40	\$15.06	\$17.43	\$18.50	\$19.73	\$22.14	\$23.08	\$31,317	\$36,251	\$38,483	\$41,040	\$46,058	\$48,007	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	340	\$20.28	\$21.68	\$25.08	\$25.39	\$28.05	\$30.80	\$42,182	\$45,094	\$52,177	\$52,806	\$58,338	\$64,058	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	120	\$17.62	\$18.50	\$22.63	\$21.68	\$24.01	\$24.45	\$36,650	\$38,494	\$47,075	\$45,094	\$49,945	\$50,867	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	1,210	\$15.62	\$17.48	\$19.68	\$19.77	\$21.92	\$23.95	\$32,480	\$36,356	\$40,924	\$41,123	\$45,587	\$49,820	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		\$13.37	\$16.01	\$18.82	\$18.59	\$22.47	\$22.74	\$27,796	\$33,297	\$39,143	\$38,661	\$46,739	\$47,284	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	20	\$14.77	\$16.25	\$18.56	\$18.50	\$20.00	\$21.43	\$30,730	\$33,800	\$38,598	\$38,483	\$41,595	\$44,560	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	\$14.23	\$15.78	\$19.03	\$19.47	\$21.92	\$25.92	\$29,588	\$32,804	\$39,583	\$40,484	\$45,587	\$53,916	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	60	\$26.47	\$26.48	\$27.89	\$27.85	\$27.89	\$27.89	\$55,068	\$55,089	\$58,023	\$57,917	\$58,023	\$58,023	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	200	\$14.70	\$17.85	\$19.12	\$19.84	\$22.89	\$24.80	\$30,595	\$37,132	\$39,780	\$41,264	\$47,620	\$51,572	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	40	\$19.30	\$21.44	\$22.84	\$22.39	\$23.37	\$23.57	\$40,141	\$44,601	\$47,503	\$46,550	\$48,616	\$49,040	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	50	\$16.47	\$17.27	\$19.28	\$19.45	\$20.45	\$26.02	\$34,272	\$35,914	\$40,098	\$40,448	\$42,524	\$54,125	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

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Forest and Conservation Workers	45-4011	200	\$17.12	\$17.55	\$18.38	\$19.51	\$20.66	\$23.84	\$35,596	\$36,518	\$38,234	\$40,586	\$42,980	\$49,580	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	20	\$23.72	\$24.15	\$24.15	\$29.26	\$30.50	\$45.66	\$49,336	\$50,237	\$50,237	\$60,863	\$63,447	\$94,965	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
First-Line Supervisors of Construction Trades and Extraction Workers	47-1011	320	\$28.74	\$31.93	\$37.80	\$38.39	\$41.43	\$50.63	\$59,771	\$66,414	\$78,618	\$79,858	\$86,172	\$105,315	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of construction or extraction workers.
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	47-2021	30	\$22.91	\$23.85	\$31.20	\$32.24	\$40.95	\$41.53	\$47,662	\$49,591	\$64,899	\$67,049	\$85,165	\$86,383	Lay and bind building materials, such as brick, structural tile, concrete block, cinder block, glass block, and terra-cotta block, with mortar and other substances, to construct or repair walls, partitions, arches, sewers, and other structures. Installer
Carpenters	47-2031	600	\$18.57	\$19.37	\$20.95	\$22.59	\$23.95	\$29.67	\$38,626	\$40,278	\$43,584	\$46,974	\$49,813	\$61,721	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	280	\$18.13	\$18.85	\$22.64	\$23.50	\$27.39	\$31.59	\$37,715	\$39,198	\$47,101	\$48,881	\$56,975	\$65,704	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 morta
Construction Laborers	47-2061	200	\$15.16	\$18.27	\$21.36	\$20.74	\$22.90	\$24.00	\$31,517	\$38,001	\$44,431	\$43,139	\$47,641	\$49,908	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		\$24.44	\$24.44	\$30.39	\$31.31	\$37.08	\$37.08	\$50,841	\$50,841	\$63,225	\$65,111	\$77,114	\$77,114	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	290	\$19.75	\$23.74	\$25.51	\$26.80	\$29.94	\$33.00	\$41,062	\$49,379	\$53,055	\$55,756	\$62,261	\$68,639	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	320	\$19.90	\$23.04	\$26.90	\$28.82	\$31.36	\$40.00	\$41,380	\$47,917	\$55,958	\$59,941	\$65,227	\$83,205	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
Glaziers	47-2121	20	\$19.90	\$22.71	\$25.79	\$24.25	\$25.79	\$26.02	\$41,380	\$47,249	\$53,627	\$50,449	\$53,627	\$54,125	Install glass in windows, skylights, store fronts, and display cases, or on surfaces, such as building fronts, interior walls, ceilings, and tabletops.
Insulation Workers, Floor, Ceiling, and Wall	47-2131	20	\$16.33	\$17.32	\$17.42	\$18.71	\$18.43	\$21.82	\$33,964	\$36,030	\$36,231	\$38,922	\$38,350	\$45,395	Line and cover structures with insulating materials. May work with batt, roll, or blown insulation materials.
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	47-2141	80	\$18.26	\$19.24	\$23.61	\$23.90	\$24.71	\$31.01	\$38,001	\$40,014	\$49,124	\$49,718	\$51,381	\$64,507	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	\$16.53	\$16.53	\$23.14	\$23.14	\$28.18	\$29.39	\$34,378	\$34,378	\$48,129	\$48,118	\$58,617	\$61,127	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).

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Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	47-2152	220	\$18.68	\$20.36	\$23.96	\$25.71	\$29.42	\$35.72	\$38,838	\$42,344	\$49,845	\$53,489	\$61,202	\$74,306	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 <del>snrinklerfitters</del> <b>snrinklerfitters</b> .
Plasterers and Stucco Masons	47-2161		\$17.96	\$21.66	\$23.16	\$24.00	\$24.15	\$34.54	\$37,354	\$45,067	\$48,171	\$49,919	\$50,237	\$71,827	Apply interior or exterior plaster, cement, stucco, or similar materials. <b>May also set ornamental plaster.</b>
Roofers	47-2181	90	\$18.15	\$18.62	\$18.62	\$21.21	\$24.73	\$27.01	\$37,746	\$38,732	\$38,732	\$44,113	\$51,434	\$56,191	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.
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	47-2221	50	\$25.04	\$25.18	\$29.23	\$29.69	\$32.35	\$36.69	\$52,091	\$52,387	\$60,788	\$61,763	\$67,304	\$76,298	Raise, place, and unite iron or steel girders, columns, and other structural members to form completed structures or structural frameworks. May erect metal storage tanks and assemble prefabricated metal buildings. Excludes "Reinforcing Iron and Rebar Workers".
Helpers--Carpenters	47-3012	110	\$14.62	\$14.69	\$14.95	\$15.68	\$16.59	\$17.18	\$30,394	\$30,564	\$31,093	\$32,598	\$34,505	\$35,755	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	\$15.14	\$15.17	\$15.20	\$15.60	\$15.21	\$17.66	\$31,496	\$31,560	\$31,612	\$32,460	\$31,634	\$36,719	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
Helpers--Pipelayers, Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	47-3015		\$15.56	\$15.56	\$15.81	\$16.62	\$15.82	\$19.81	\$32,365	\$32,365	\$32,884	\$34,568	\$32,894	\$41,211	Help plumbers, pipefitters, steamfitters, or pipelayers 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 plu
Construction and Building Inspectors	47-4011	70	\$24.93	\$29.96	\$32.00	\$36.36	\$44.21	\$52.97	\$51,836	\$62,314	\$66,573	\$75,631	\$91,956	\$110,178	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	30	\$23.68	\$23.80	\$27.08	\$26.16	\$27.08	\$32.65	\$49,241	\$49,516	\$56,318	\$54,411	\$56,318	\$67,918	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	630	\$18.81	\$20.93	\$24.08	\$23.34	\$24.73	\$27.79	\$39,134	\$43,541	\$50,099	\$48,542	\$51,434	\$57,801	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	30	\$18.51	\$19.75	\$23.75	\$23.13	\$28.07	\$28.07	\$38,488	\$41,073	\$49,400	\$48,097	\$58,394	\$58,394	Clean and repair septic tanks, sewer lines, or drains. May patch walls and partitions of tank, replace damaged drain tile, or repair breaks in <u>underground piping.</u>
Excavating and Loading Machine and Dragline Operators, Surface Mining	47-5022	100	\$21.12	\$26.25	\$28.12	\$28.47	\$32.36	\$34.32	\$43,944	\$54,591	\$58,489	\$59,210	\$67,314	\$71,393	Operate or tend machinery at surface mining site, equipped with scoops, shovels, or buckets to excavate and load loose materials.
Loading and Moving Machine Operators, Underground Mining	47-5044	20	\$24.36	\$24.36	\$44.28	\$37.44	\$44.28	\$47.88	\$50,660	\$50,660	\$92,115	\$77,876	\$92,115	\$99,594	Operate underground loading or moving machine to load or move core, ore, or rock using shuttle or mine car or conveyors. Equipment may include power shovels, hoisting engines equipped with cable-drawn scraper or scoop, or machines equipped with gathering
Helpers--Extraction Workers	47-5081	40	\$22.11	\$24.77	\$24.97	\$24.64	\$25.31	\$26.37	\$45,989	\$51,508	\$51,942	\$51,264	\$52,642	\$54,856	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
Extraction Workers, All Other	47-5099	20	\$20.39	\$22.12	\$39.38	\$32.14	\$42.72	\$42.72	\$42,418	\$46,010	\$81,913	\$66,848	\$88,852	\$88,852	All extraction workers not listed separately.

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First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	49-1011	210	\$25.96	\$30.89	\$38.95	\$39.51	\$49.52	\$52.08	\$54,005	\$64,254	\$81,002	\$82,178	\$102,992	\$108,317	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	80	\$24.06	\$30.10	\$31.47	\$34.07	\$41.86	\$46.58	\$50,056	\$62,602	\$65,439	\$70,860	\$87,069	\$96,904	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	\$19.90	\$21.87	\$25.11	\$35.35	\$61.09	\$65.23	\$41,406	\$45,493	\$52,237	\$73,539	\$127,067	\$135,675	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	\$18.43	\$22.23	\$28.17	\$27.03	\$29.96	\$35.73	\$38,336	\$46,245	\$58,589	\$56,228	\$62,327	\$74,311	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	320	\$18.73	\$22.10	\$24.17	\$25.86	\$28.48	\$32.04	\$38,950	\$45,948	\$50,279	\$53,793	\$59,225	\$66,646	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	100	\$21.30	\$23.64	\$28.32	\$28.09	\$31.20	\$37.27	\$44,318	\$49,167	\$58,918	\$58,420	\$64,899	\$77,519	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.
Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	49-3041	150	\$23.91	\$27.05	\$31.35	\$32.53	\$38.64	\$40.23	\$49,717	\$56,260	\$65,196	\$67,673	\$80,378	\$83,681	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	\$25.75	\$29.55	\$34.50	\$37.40	\$41.34	\$60.04	\$53,550	\$61,459	\$71,770	\$77,805	\$86,000	\$124,886	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" (
Motorcycle Mechanics	49-3052	40	\$17.35	\$19.89	\$23.93	\$24.59	\$28.36	\$31.58	\$36,092	\$41,385	\$49,770	\$51,147	\$58,981	\$65,683	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	\$19.47	\$19.95	\$22.64	\$23.07	\$25.14	\$28.03	\$40,485	\$41,481	\$47,092	\$47,970	\$52,290	\$58,304	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	\$18.00	\$18.13	\$18.34	\$19.21	\$19.83	\$20.12	\$37,436	\$37,701	\$38,146	\$39,935	\$41,237	\$41,841	Repair and replace tires.
Mechanical Door Repairers	49-9011		\$16.49	\$21.90	\$21.90	\$21.59	\$21.90	\$25.00	\$34,302	\$45,567	\$45,567	\$44,900	\$45,567	\$51,994	Install, service, or repair automatic door mechanisms and hydraulic doors. Includes garage door mechanics.
Control and Valve Installers and Repairers, Except Mechanical Door	49-9012	20	\$40.17	\$48.49	\$49.18	\$47.62	\$50.42	\$50.42	\$83,533	\$100,853	\$102,283	\$99,054	\$104,866	\$104,866	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	110	\$18.33	\$20.90	\$24.87	\$26.93	\$30.61	\$35.70	\$38,114	\$43,482	\$51,740	\$56,017	\$63,661	\$74,258	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	20	\$16.99	\$16.99	\$23.45	\$23.61	\$28.90	\$29.06	\$35,351	\$35,351	\$48,775	\$49,103	\$60,114	\$60,453	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	\$24.18	\$27.94	\$31.80	\$38.11	\$50.43	\$57.39	\$50,300	\$58,124	\$66,149	\$79,277	\$104,887	\$119,381	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
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	49-9043	10	\$18.49	\$18.70	\$33.64	\$28.00	\$33.64	\$33.64	\$38,453	\$38,887	\$69,971	\$58,251	\$69,971	\$69,971	Lubricate machinery, change parts, or perform other routine machinery maintenance. Excludes "Maintenance and Repair Workers, General" (49-9071).

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Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	49-9051	200	\$34.33	\$43.08	\$46.66	\$45.90	\$49.18	\$57.39	\$71,421	\$89,599	\$97,042	\$95,454	\$102,283	\$119,381	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	\$19.18	\$20.22	\$24.85	\$27.21	\$31.55	\$41.24	\$39,892	\$42,063	\$51,676	\$56,588	\$65,630	\$85,777	Install and repair telecommunications cable, including fiber optics.
Medical Equipment Repairers	49-9062	10	\$24.20	\$24.20	\$30.88	\$30.09	\$33.07	\$36.31	\$50,342	\$50,342	\$64,232	\$62,591	\$68,795	\$75,529	Test, adjust, or repair biomedical or electromedical equipment.
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	49-9071	680	\$18.42	\$20.09	\$23.58	\$24.45	\$28.00	\$32.44	\$38,304	\$41,788	\$49,029	\$50,840	\$58,251	\$67,472	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	\$15.56	\$16.06	\$19.21	\$20.37	\$23.44	\$29.14	\$32,376	\$33,413	\$39,956	\$42,359	\$48,765	\$60,601	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	\$16.80	\$21.52	\$28.73	\$28.44	\$33.37	\$39.35	\$34,948	\$44,773	\$59,754	\$59,151	\$69,410	\$81,849	All installation, maintenance, and repair workers not listed separately.
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	51-1011	130	\$24.49	\$30.47	\$34.71	\$35.85	\$41.20	\$47.65	\$50,919	\$63,377	\$72,213	\$74,562	\$85,704	\$99,110	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	70	\$14.09	\$15.79	\$17.93	\$18.20	\$20.16	\$23.64	\$29,298	\$32,826	\$37,302	\$37,860	\$41,925	\$49,171	
Bakers	51-3011	40	\$14.78	\$15.51	\$17.37	\$17.30	\$18.66	\$21.87	\$30,730	\$32,278	\$36,112	\$35,985	\$38,808	\$45,485	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	110	\$15.93	\$17.19	\$18.17	\$20.10	\$24.17	\$27.13	\$33,152	\$35,754	\$37,786	\$41,809	\$50,266	\$56,437	Cut, trim, or prepare consumer-sized portions of meat for use or sale in retail establishments.
Food Batchmakers	51-3092	40	\$15.49	\$15.59	\$17.56	\$16.99	\$17.56	\$19.41	\$32,226	\$32,415	\$36,522	\$35,343	\$36,522	\$40,366	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	20	\$19.59	\$19.82	\$23.57	\$23.53	\$26.16	\$30.35	\$40,746	\$41,219	\$49,013	\$48,928	\$54,405	\$63,135	Set up, operate, or tend machines to saw, cut, shear, slit, punch, crimp, notch, bend, or straighten metal or plastic material.
Machinists	51-4041	20	\$19.87	\$19.87	\$25.75	\$24.73	\$27.31	\$29.77	\$41,335	\$41,335	\$53,562	\$51,424	\$56,806	\$61,924	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	210	\$17.67	\$18.91	\$23.63	\$24.10	\$27.02	\$31.69	\$36,765	\$39,345	\$49,150	\$50,108	\$56,195	\$65,915	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	30	\$16.07	\$17.44	\$20.22	\$20.22	\$21.92	\$24.50	\$33,426	\$36,270	\$42,062	\$42,062	\$45,579	\$50,940	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	130	\$13.91	\$14.22	\$14.61	\$15.86	\$17.68	\$18.58	\$28,940	\$29,572	\$30,383	\$32,984	\$36,786	\$38,639	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	30	\$14.51	\$18.55	\$20.97	\$20.73	\$22.87	\$24.32	\$30,183	\$38,566	\$43,600	\$43,105	\$47,580	\$50,571	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	\$61.93	\$61.93	\$61.93	\$61.63	\$61.93	\$61.93	\$128,819	\$128,819	\$128,819	\$128,197	\$128,819	\$128,819	Coordinate, regulate, or distribute electricity or steam.
Stationary Engineers and Boiler Operators	51-8021	20	\$18.32	\$27.94	\$32.85	\$32.09	\$37.00	\$39.20	\$38,113	\$58,101	\$68,306	\$66,737	\$76,942	\$81,523	Operate or maintain stationary engines, boilers, or other mechanical equipment to provide utilities for buildings or industrial processes. Operate equipment such as steam engines, generators, motors, turbines, and steam boilers.

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Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	51-8031	400	\$20.08	\$23.35	\$24.86	\$27.34	\$31.28	\$37.58	\$41,767	\$48,560	\$51,709	\$56,879	\$65,052	\$78,163	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	\$22.32	\$25.02	\$29.81	\$32.00	\$36.93	\$46.47	\$46,422	\$52,046	\$61,998	\$66,568	\$76,826	\$96,656	All plant and system operators not listed separately.
Separating, Filtering, Clarifying, Precipitating, and Still Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-9012	50	\$17.42	\$18.05	\$26.78	\$27.62	\$33.94	\$41.37	\$36,238	\$37,544	\$55,711	\$57,469	\$70,602	\$86,041	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
Crushing, Grinding, and Polishing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-9021	20													Set up, operate, or tend machines to crush, grind, or polish materials, such as coal, glass, grain, stone, food, or rubber.
Mixing and Blending Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	51-9023	40	\$19.38	\$19.38	\$20.90	\$21.54	\$23.35	\$26.88	\$40,303	\$40,303	\$43,473	\$44,800	\$48,549	\$55,900	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	\$19.55	\$20.47	\$22.14	\$22.94	\$27.02	\$27.02	\$40,651	\$42,589	\$46,043	\$47,717	\$56,216	\$56,216	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	\$17.71	\$22.29	\$24.97	\$23.90	\$24.97	\$27.56	\$36,849	\$46,380	\$51,940	\$49,697	\$51,940	\$57,322	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	50	\$16.97	\$17.77	\$20.49	\$20.33	\$22.55	\$23.41	\$35,280	\$36,954	\$42,631	\$42,273	\$46,885	\$48,686	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	40	\$18.77	\$21.61	\$26.23	\$25.60	\$27.38	\$29.12	\$39,039	\$44,948	\$54,573	\$53,236	\$56,953	\$60,576	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
Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Operators	51-9161	30	\$20.42	\$24.33	\$25.46	\$25.97	\$28.26	\$30.70	\$42,483	\$50,603	\$52,972	\$54,015	\$58,775	\$63,851	Operate computer-controlled tools, machines, or robots to machine or process parts, tools, or other work pieces made of metal, plastic, wood, stone, or other materials. May also set up and maintain equipment.
First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material-Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	53-1047	130	\$22.47	\$24.54	\$31.64	\$32.79	\$40.18	\$44.65	\$46,732	\$51,057	\$65,809	\$68,212	\$83,570	\$92,889	
Commercial Pilots	53-2012	60							\$50,817	\$65,046	\$65,903	\$85,283	\$96,284	\$160,474	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		\$15.23	\$15.23	\$15.23	\$15.71	\$16.70	\$16.85	\$31,687	\$31,687	\$31,687	\$32,690	\$34,717	\$35,041	Drive ambulance or assist ambulance driver in transporting sick, injured, or convalescent persons. Assist in lifting patients.
Driver/Sales Workers	53-3031	100	\$12.91	\$13.51	\$19.57	\$23.08	\$29.60	\$39.97	\$26,850	\$28,093	\$40,704	\$47,996	\$61,567	\$83,141	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	800	\$20.36	\$23.03	\$26.12	\$28.29	\$32.27	\$40.47	\$42,354	\$47,902	\$54,327	\$58,851	\$67,125	\$84,176	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	\$14.57	\$17.74	\$22.33	\$22.25	\$24.37	\$29.48	\$30,319	\$36,901	\$46,429	\$46,293	\$50,691	\$61,327	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

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Bus Drivers, School	53-3051	450	\$15.92	\$18.30	\$19.28	\$20.36	\$23.39	\$25.25	\$33,129	\$38,071	\$40,098	\$42,344	\$48,654	\$52,530	Drive a school bus to transport students. Ensure adherence to safety rules. <b>May assist students in boarding or exiting.</b>
Bus Drivers, Transit and Intercity	53-3052	100	\$16.55	\$18.88	\$22.69	\$22.07	\$23.41	\$27.56	\$34,425	\$39,262	\$47,202	\$45,896	\$48,696	\$57,326	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	120	\$15.78	\$16.39	\$18.00	\$17.58	\$18.00	\$19.74	\$32,816	\$34,090	\$37,444	\$36,577	\$37,444	\$41,048	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	60	\$14.08	\$25.22	\$26.38	\$25.26	\$27.08	\$29.17	\$29,284	\$52,457	\$54,870	\$52,541	\$56,323	\$60,669	All motor vehicle operators not listed separately.
Automotive and Watercraft Service Attendants	53-6031	110	\$14.75	\$15.54	\$15.67	\$16.30	\$17.25	\$18.90	\$30,695	\$32,314	\$32,596	\$33,892	\$35,866	\$39,314	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	100	\$17.60	\$17.87	\$21.97	\$21.17	\$23.38	\$25.23	\$36,608	\$37,172	\$45,708	\$44,026	\$48,644	\$52,488	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	100	\$17.91	\$18.42	\$22.28	\$23.90	\$25.74	\$38.70	\$37,235	\$38,301	\$46,356	\$49,709	\$53,554	\$80,498	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	150	\$13.98	\$14.68	\$15.67	\$16.89	\$18.62	\$21.42	\$29,075	\$30,528	\$32,586	\$35,135	\$38,729	\$44,548	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	550	\$14.60	\$15.50	\$17.02	\$18.01	\$19.32	\$24.00	\$30,371	\$32,241	\$35,396	\$37,454	\$40,181	\$49,918	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 Packers, Hand	53-7064	70	\$11.70	\$13.47	\$14.10	\$14.32	\$15.60	\$16.78	\$24,343	\$28,010	\$29,337	\$29,796	\$32,450	\$34,895	Pack or package by hand a wide variety of products and materials.
Stockers and Order Fillers	53-7065	1,270	\$12.03	\$13.62	\$15.79	\$16.33	\$18.68	\$19.30	\$25,011	\$28,344	\$32,826	\$33,965	\$38,865	\$40,139	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	100	\$14.04	\$14.69	\$16.51	\$17.15	\$18.93	\$23.40	\$29,201	\$30,549	\$34,341	\$35,689	\$39,366	\$48,675	Collect and dump refuse or recyclable materials from containers into truck. May drive truck.

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