



# buying power

The more money you earn, the more cool things you can buy. Let's compare the "buying power" of different occupations. Follow the instructions on page 3 to look up the average hourly wage of each of the occupations below.

If you want to buy a tablet for \$529, how many hours would you have to work in each of these occupations (based on the average wage) to pay for the tablet? Round decimals to the nearest tenth. (For this activity, do not worry about things like sales tax or paycheck withholdings.)

| <i>Occupation</i>   | <i>Average Hourly Wage</i> | <i>Hours Needed?</i> |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Retail Salesperson</i>   |                            |                      |
| <i>Food Service Supervisor</i>                                    |                            |                      |
| <i>Electrician</i>  |                            |                      |
| <i>Highway Maintenance Worker</i>                                 |                            |                      |
| <i>Management Analyst</i>   |                            |                      |
| <i>Chief Executive</i>  |                            |                      |
| <i>Educational, Guidance and Career Counselors &amp; Advisors</i> |                            |                      |
| <i>Nurse Practitioner</i>   |                            |                      |
| <i>Pharmacist</i>   |                            |                      |

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|------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------------------------|---------|------------|
| Pharmacists                  | \$58.23  | 9.1 hours  | Management Analysts            | \$36.50 | 14.5 hours |
| Nurse Practitioners          | \$49.56  | 10.7 hours | Highway Maintenance Workers    | \$17.94 | 29.5 hours |
| Career Counselors & Advisors | \$21.64  | 24.4 hours | Electricians                   | \$22.92 | 23.1 hours |
| Educational, Guidance, and   | \$124.72 | 4.2 hours  | Preparation & Serving Workers  | \$17.33 | 30.5 hours |
| Chief Executives             |          |            | First-Line Supervisors of Food | \$15.97 | 33.1 hours |
|                              |          |            | Retail Salespersons            |         |            |