

State of Illinois
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Illinois' High-Demand, High-Wage Occupations Through 2024



Education Beyond Bachelor's Degree

Occupation	Annual Openings	Hourly Wages		Skills
		Entry	Experienced	
General & Operations Managers	3,658	\$21.91	\$70.73	Active Listening, Coordination, Social Perceptiveness
Management Analysts	1,043	\$24.63	\$53.58	Active Listening, Critical Thinking, Reading Comprehension
Financial Managers	880	\$30.25	\$75.18	Critical Thinking, Judgment/Decision Making, Mgt. of Financial Resources
Lawyers	736	\$27.43	\$77.09	Active Listening, Speaking, Reading Comprehension
Sales Managers	705	\$29.26	\$74.17	Persuasion, Active Listening, Speaking
Physicians & Surgeons, All Other	572	\$35.43	\$118.87	Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Speaking
Physical Therapists	516	\$28.07	\$47.41	Reading Comprehension, Critical Thinking, Speaking
Chief Executives	495	\$35.42	\$108.84	Judgment/Decision Making, Complex Problem Solving, Critical Thinking
Medical & Health Services Managers	458	\$28.86	\$59.01	Speaking, Critical Thinking, Active Listening
Administrative Services Managers	447	\$19.97	\$45.97	Speaking, Active Listening, Coordination

Bachelor's Degree

Occupation	Annual Openings	Hourly Wages		Skills
		Entry	Experienced	
Registered Nurses	3,967	\$23.79	\$38.41	Active Listening, Social Perceptiveness, Speaking
Accountants & Auditors	2,034	\$20.09	\$42.27	Active Listening, Mathematics, Reading Comprehension
Elem. School Teachers, Ex. Special Ed.	1,583	\$18.22	\$33.93	Instructing, Speaking, Learning Strategies
Insurance Sales Agents	1,454	\$11.79	\$37.84	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking
Software Developers, Applications	1,187	\$25.46	\$52.91	Programming, System Analysis, System Evaluation
Secondary Teachers, Ex. Spec/Voc. Ed.	1,098	\$21.08	\$39.44	Instructing, Learning Strategies, Speaking
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	1,088	\$17.29	\$39.51	Critical Thinking, Active Listening, Speaking
Teachers & Instructors, All Other	991	\$9.83	\$29.81	Instructing, Speaking, Learning Strategies
Computer Systems Analysts	841	\$28.73	\$49.38	Critical Thinking, Active Listening, Systems Analysis
Personal Financial Advisors	610	\$20.56	\$67.88	Active Listening, Critical Thinking, Judgment & Decision Making

Associate Degree

Occupation	Annual Openings	Hourly Wages		Skills
		Entry	Experienced	
Registered Nurses	3,967	\$23.79	\$38.41	Active Listening, Social Perceptiveness, Speaking
Computer User Support Specialists	625	\$16.59	\$30.75	Active Listening, Speaking, Reading Comprehension
Computer Occupations, All Other	374	\$26.60	\$49.98	Critical Thinking, Systems Analysis, Programming
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	371	\$15.68	\$29.02	Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Speaking
Medical Records/Health Information Techs	255	\$12.25	\$22.85	Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Critical Thinking
Medical & Clinical Lab Technicians	218	\$14.52	\$25.89	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Critical Thinking
Dental Hygienists	210	\$24.50	\$38.14	Speaking, Active Listening, Critical Thinking
Physical Therapist Assistants	193	\$16.54	\$30.01	Active Listening, Monitoring, Social Perceptiveness
Computer Network Support Specialists	173	\$21.41	\$38.36	Critical Thinking, Active Listening, Judgment & Decision Making
Respiratory Therapists	152	\$20.10	\$29.20	Active Listening, Critical Thinking, Monitoring

Postsecondary Vocational Award

Occupation	Annual Openings	Hourly Wages		Skills
		Entry	Experienced	
Automotive Service Techs/Mechanics	927	\$11.25	\$25.81	Equipment Maintenance, Repairing, Troubleshooting
Licensed Practical & Vocational Nurses	755	\$16.95	\$25.56	Service Orientation, Active Listening, Coordination
Library Technicians	318	\$10.59	\$19.30	Reading Comprehension, Speaking, Active Listening
Bus/Truck/Diesel Engine Mechanics	312	\$14.25	\$27.12	Repairing, Troubleshooting, Operation & Control
Medical Secretaries	266	\$11.71	\$19.13	Speaking, Active Listening, Service Orientation
Phlebotomists	184	\$12.49	\$18.52	Active Listening, Service Orientation, Social Perceptiveness
Healthcare Pract./Tech Workers, All Other	165	\$12.39	\$29.02	Critical Thinking, Active Listening, Judgment & Decision Making
Computer/ATM/Office Machine Repairers	118	\$13.02	\$22.79	Active Listening, Repairing, Critical Thinking
Health Technologists & Techs, All Other	111	\$14.36	\$26.54	Active Listening, Speaking, Reading Comprehension
Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	99	\$16.69	\$35.17	Equipment Maintenance, Repairing, Operation Monitoring

Long-Term On-the-Job Training

Occupation	Annual Openings	Hourly Wages		Skills
		Entry	Experienced	
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	1,723	\$12.32	\$24.78	Equipment Maintenance, Repairing, Troubleshooting
Machinists	1,200	\$12.00	\$22.27	Operation Monitoring, Critical Thinking, Operation & Control
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	1,099	\$22.24	\$39.30	Active Listening, Critical Thinking, Speaking
Farmers, Ranchers & Other Ag Managers	862	\$16.45	\$39.65	Critical Thinking, Judgment & Decision Making, Speaking
Electricians	740	\$20.47	\$40.12	Troubleshooting, Repairing, Active Listening
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	551	\$17.93	\$31.07	Equipment Maintenance, Repairing, Operation Monitoring
Carpenters	520	\$13.36	\$35.08	Active Listening, Monitoring, Speaking
Claims Adjusters/Examiners/Investigators	480	\$19.49	\$36.90	Reading Comprehension, Writing, Active Listening
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	473	\$12.73	\$21.24	Critical Thinking, Operation & Control, Reading Comprehension
Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	436	\$20.60	\$41.76	Active Listening, Critical Thinking, Reading Comprehension

Moderate-Term On-the-Job Training

Occupation	Annual Openings	Hourly Wages		Skills
		Entry	Experienced	
Customer Service Representatives	4,025	\$11.34	\$20.73	Active Listening, Speaking, Service Orientation
Sales Reps/Wholesale/Mfg, Ex. Tech/Scientific	1,860	\$16.01	\$43.31	Active Listening, Speaking, Persuasion
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	1,819	\$15.02	\$25.97	Operation & Control, Operation Monitoring, Time Management
Construction Laborers	1,310	\$13.16	\$31.02	Active Listening, Coordination, Operation Monitoring
Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	1,015	\$14.40	\$39.00	Critical Thinking, Reading Comprehension, Active Listening
Secretaries, Ex. Legal/Medical/Executive	1,011	\$11.09	\$20.00	Writing, Active Listening, Reading Comprehension
Medical Assistants	627	\$11.43	\$17.34	Speaking, Active Listening, Reading Comprehension
Bookkeeping/Accounting/Auditing Clerks	602	\$12.32	\$22.17	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking
Inspect/Testers/Sorters/Samplers/Weighers	591	\$10.63	\$21.48	Quality Control Analysis, Active Listening, Critical Thinking
Sales Reps/Wholesale/Mfg, Tech/Scientific	555	\$18.71	\$46.44	Persuasion, Speaking, Active Listening

Short-Term On-the-Job Training

Occupation	Annual Openings	Hourly Wages		Skills
		Entry	Experienced	
Office Clerks, General	3,543	\$10.43	\$19.28	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	1,079	\$11.69	\$18.99	Operation & Control, Operation Monitoring, Coordination
Tellers	931	\$10.31	\$14.64	Active Listening, Speaking, Mathematics
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	685	\$10.96	\$18.66	Speaking, Active Listening, Reading Comprehension
Bill & Account Collectors	363	\$12.43	\$22.30	Active Listening, Speaking, Social Perceptiveness
Production/Planning/Expediting Clerks	356	\$14.20	\$27.23	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking
Postal Service Mail Carriers	272	\$17.42	N/A	Active Listening, Critical Thinking, Social Perceptiveness
Healthcare Support Workers, All Other	269	\$12.83	\$21.82	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Service Orientation
Order Clerks	180	\$11.79	\$20.57	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking
Physical Therapist Aides	170	\$10.64	\$25.00	Active Listening, Social Perceptiveness, Monitoring

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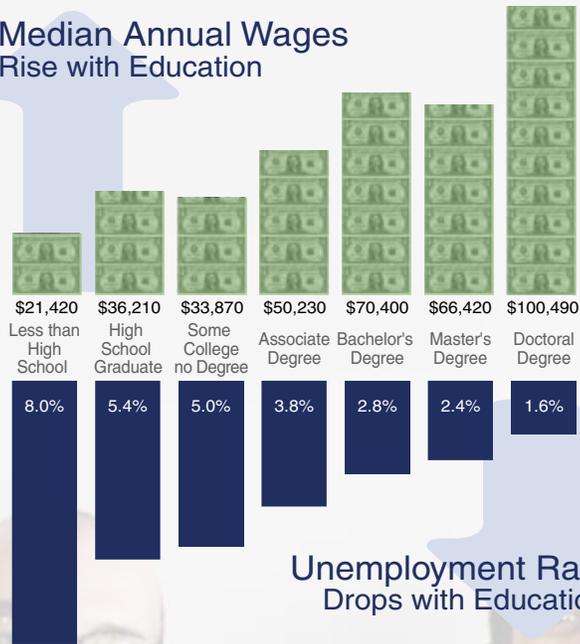
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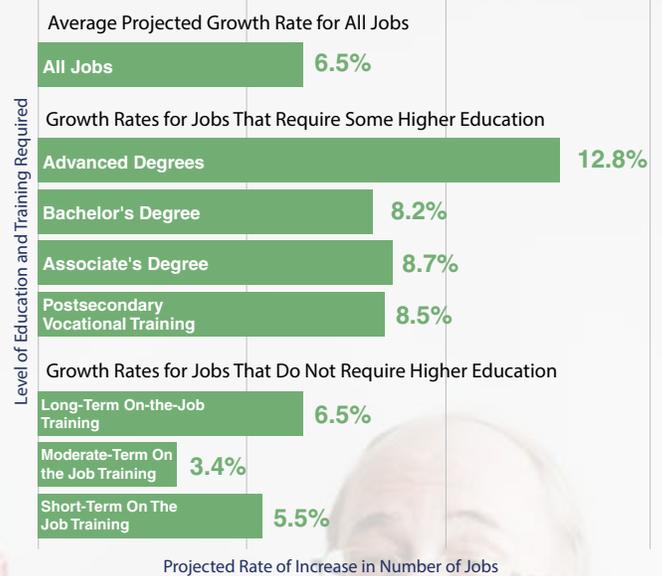
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Median Annual Wages Rise with Education



Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), 2015 Current Population Survey (CPS) and 2015 Occupational Employment Survey (OES)

Jobs That Require Higher Education Are Growing Faster Than Those That Require Less Education



Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), 2014-2024 Occupational Employment Projections

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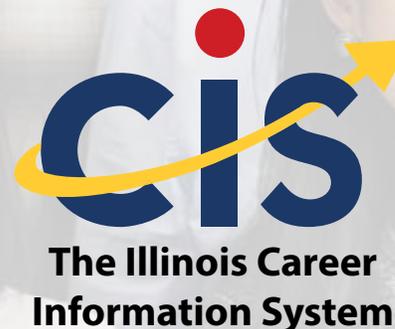
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