

# Fastest Growing Occupations

20 occupations with the highest percent change of employment between 2016 and 2026

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2016 National Employment Matrix title and code	Employment		Change, 2016–26		Median annual wage, 2016 <sup>(1)</sup>	
	2016	2026	Number	Percent		
<b>Total, all occupations</b>	00-0000	156,063.8	167,582.3	11,518.6	7.4	\$37,040
<b>Solar photovoltaic installers</b>	47-2231	11.3	23.2	11.9	105.3	\$39,240
<b>Wind turbine service technicians</b>	49-9081	5.8	11.3	5.5	96.1	\$52,260
<b>Home health aides</b>	31-1011	911.5	1,337.0	425.6	46.7	\$22,600
<b>Personal care aides</b>	39-9021	2,016.1	2,770.1	754.0	37.4	\$21,920
<b>Physician assistants</b>	29-1071	106.2	145.9	39.7	37.4	\$101,480
<b>Nurse practitioners</b>	29-1171	155.5	211.5	56.0	36.0	\$100,910
<b>Statisticians</b>	15-2041	37.2	49.6	12.4	33.4	\$80,500
<b>Physical therapist assistants</b>	31-2021	88.3	115.5	27.2	30.8	\$56,610
<b>Software developers, applications</b>	15-1132	831.3	1,084.6	253.4	30.5	\$100,080
<b>Mathematicians</b>	15-2021	3.1	4.0	0.9	29.4	\$105,810
<b>Bicycle repairers</b>	49-3091	12.4	16.1	3.7	29.4	\$27,630
<b>Medical assistants</b>	31-9092	634.4	819.0	184.6	29.1	\$31,540
<b>Physical therapist aides</b>	31-2022	52.0	67.1	15.1	29.1	\$25,680
<b>Occupational therapy assistants</b>	31-2011	39.3	50.7	11.4	28.9	\$59,010
<b>Information security analysts</b>	15-1122	100.0	128.5	28.4	28.4	\$92,600
<b>Genetic counselors</b>	29-9092	3.1	3.9	0.9	28.3	\$74,120
<b>Operations research analysts</b>	15-2031	114.0	145.3	31.3	27.4	\$79,200
<b>Forest fire inspectors and prevention specialists</b>	33-2022	1.7	2.2	0.5	26.6	\$36,230
<b>Health specialties teachers, postsecondary</b>	25-1071	233.5	294.0	60.5	25.9	\$99,360
<b>Derrick operators, oil and gas</b>	47-5011	11.1	13.9	2.8	25.7	\$48,130
<b>Physical therapists</b>	29-1123	239.8	299.8	60.0	25.0	\$85,400
<b>Occupational therapy aides</b>	31-2012	7.5	9.3	1.8	24.7	\$28,330
<b>Roustabouts, oil and gas</b>	47-5071	50.0	62.3	12.2	24.5	\$37,340
<b>Phlebotomists</b>	31-9097	122.7	152.6	30.0	24.4	\$32,710
<b>Rotary drill operators, oil and gas</b>	47-5012	16.7	20.8	4.0	24.2	\$54,430
<b>Nursing instructors and teachers, postsecondary</b>	25-1072	67.9	84.2	16.3	24.0	\$69,130
<b>Massage therapists</b>	31-9011	160.3	198.1	37.7	23.5	\$39,860
<b>Service unit operators, oil, gas, and mining</b>	47-5013	41.4	51.1	9.7	23.4	\$48,610
<b>Respiratory therapists</b>	29-1126	130.2	160.6	30.4	23.4	\$58,670
<b>Diagnostic medical sonographers</b>	29-2032	67.3	82.9	15.6	23.2	\$69,650

**Footnotes:**

(1) Data are from the Occupational Employment Statistics program, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Wage data cover non-farm wage and salary workers and do not cover the self-employed, owners and partners in unincorporated firms, or household workers.

Source: Employment Projections program, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics