

The Top 150 U.S. Occupations

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Accountants & Auditors	1,115,010	24	★	★	★	★	★				★					★	★								★					★	★	★				★		
Adjusters: Claims Examiners & Investigators	279,400	99		★			★				★									★			★			★				★	★				★		★	
Administrators: Elementary & Secondary School	218,820	133		★			★				★	★			★		★									★				★	★				★			
Aides: Home Health	834,580	35		★		★					★								★							★			★	★	★						★	
Aides: Personal & Home Care	595,350	47		★		★	★						★					★								★			★	★	★				★			
Analysts: Computer Systems	464,440	61	★	★	★		★											★							★	★			★					★	★			
Analysts: Financial	228,300	123	★	★	★		★					★		★			★	★								★									★			
Analysts: Management	499,640	56		★		★	★				★	★						★		★					★	★									★			
Analysts: Market Research	220,740	129	★	★		★	★					★								★						★				★				★		★		
Analysts: Network Systems & Data Communications	216,050	137	★	★	★		★		★	★	★															★						★			★		★	
Assemblers: Electrical & Electronic Equipment	216,470	135	★					★			★	★	★				★								★	★								★	★			
Assemblers: Team	1,167,150	22	★	★		★		★	★		★	★									★				★	★												
Attendants: Amusement & Recreation	245,380	113		★		★	★				★	★														★			★	★	★						★	
Bartenders	498,090	57		★		★	★				★	★					★									★			★	★	★							
Carpenters	969,670	29	★	★			★	★		★	★			★			★								★									★				
Cashiers	3,545,330	2		★			★				★	★																	★	★	★						★	
Cleaners: Vehicles & Equipment	336,210	86		★				★																														
Clerks: Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing	1,858,500	10	★	★			★					★					★									★			★	★				★		★		
Clerks: Counter & Rental	462,040	62		★													★									★				★								
Clerks: File	214,590	138	★	★		★					★	★														★			★	★	★				★			
Clerks: Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk	223,210	127		★		★	★				★						★	★								★			★	★	★							
Clerks: Insurance Claims & Policy Processing	232,700	119	★	★	★	★	★					★					★									★			★	★	★				★		★	
Clerks: Loan Interviewers	239,810	116		★			★				★	★					★									★			★	★				★		★		
Clerks: Office & General	2,980,350	3		★																						★			★	★							★	
Clerks: Order	255,670	108	★	★		★	★										★									★			★	★				★		★		
Clerks: Payroll & Timekeeping	201,940	142	★	★			★					★	★				★									★				★				★		★		
Clerks: Production, Planning & Expediting	283,930	95	★	★		★						★					★									★			★	★				★		★		
Clerks: Receptionists & Information	1,100,790	25	★	★			★					★														★			★	★	★				★		★	
Clerks: Shipping, Receiving & Traffic	755,790	38		★			★						★				★	★								★			★	★				★		★		
Clerks: Stock & Order Fillers	1,817,650	12		★													★								★	★												
Collectors: Bill & Account	409,570	70	★	★			★					★					★									★			★	★				★		★		
Computer Support Specialists	525,570	53	★	★	★	★	★				★	★					★									★				★								
Cooks: Fast Food	575,510	50		★			★				★	★	★				★									★			★	★	★							
Cooks: Institution & Cafeteria	372,450	78		★		★	★				★	★					★	★								★			★					★				
Cooks: Restaurant	878,990	33	★	★		★					★	★														★			★	★				★				
Counselors: Educational, Vocational & School	232,260	120	★	★		★	★																			★			★	★	★				★		★	
Customer Service Representatives	2,193,430	8	★	★			★					★					★									★			★	★				★		★		
Data Entry Keyers	286,540	94	★	★			★					★														★			★	★	★			★		★		
Dental Assistants	283,680	96	★	★		★		★	★		★															★			★	★				★				
Designers: Graphic	201,080	145	★	★	★	★	★					★					★									★				★					★			
Dishwashers	509,550	55		★			★				★	★										★				★	★		★	★								
Drivers: School Bus	461,590	63		★		★	★														★	★	★			★			★	★				★				
Drivers: Truck, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	1,693,590	13		★			★																															
Drivers: Truck, Light or Delivery Services	922,900	31		★		★	★					★									★					★			★	★	★				★			
Electricians	624,560	45		★	★		★				★						★				★					★	★	★							★		★	
Engineers: Civil	247,370	112		★	★	★	★				★				★											★				★				★		★		
Engineers: Computer Software Applications	495,810	58	★		★		★				★											★	★			★					★		★		★		★	
Engineers: Computer Software, Systems Software	349,140	82	★		★		★									★						★	★			★				★		★		★		★		
Engineers: Industrial	204,210	140	★	★	★		★				★					★										★			★					★		★		
Engineers: Mechanical	222,330	128		★	★		★				★					★										★		★		★				★		★		

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Engineers: Operating & Other Construction Equipment Operators	403,620	71	*	*			*	*	*	*	*									*	*				*														
Estimators: Cost	219,070	132	*	*	*		*				*					*							*		*		*					*						*	
Fire Fighters	289,710	93	*	*		*	*	*	*		*															*		*		*		*							
Guards: Security	1,032,260	28	*	*			*				*					*										*			*	*	*								
Hairdressers, Hairstylists & Cosmetologists	343,320	84	*	*		*	*	*	*			*														*			*	*	*				*				
Hosts & Hostesses: Restaurant, Lounge & Coffee Shop	342,960	85	*	*		*					*												*			*		*	*	*									
Inspectors: Testers, Sorters, Samplers & Weighers	472,900	60	*	*							*	*				*						*			*	*	*				*					*			
Interviewers, Except Eligibility & Loan	227,220	124	*	*			*					*					*			*						*		*	*	*				*		*	*	*	*
Janitors & Cleaners, Except Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	2,112,870	9	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*														*		*			*				*	*	*	*	
Laborers: Construction	1,053,060	27	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*	*								*	*	*		*		*					*	*	*	
Laborers: Farmworkers, Crop, Nursery & Greenhouse	239,380	117	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*			*		*					*	*	*		*		*				*	*	*	*	
Laborers: Freight, Stock & Material Movers (Hand)	2,363,440	6	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*														*		*		*					*	*	*	*	
Lawyers	555,770	51	*	*		*					*							*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Loan Officers	356,990	80	*	*	*	*						*											*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Machinists	410,900	69	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*						*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	915,890	32																								*		*		*		*			*	*	*	*	
Mail Carriers: Postal Service	348,070	83	*	*	*	*																				*		*		*		*			*	*	*	*	
Manager: Chief Executive Officer	299,160	92	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Manager: Network & Computer Systems Administrators	309,660	90	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Administrative Services	239,360	118	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Computer & Information Systems	264,990	105	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Construction	216,120	136	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Construction Trades & Extraction Workers	577,130	48	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Financial	484,390	59	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Food Preparation & Serving Workers	788,750	37	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Food Service	191,460	150	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: General & Operations	1,655,410	14	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	443,790	64	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Medical & Health Services	242,640	114	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Non-Retail Sales Workers	280,770	98	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Office & Administrative Support Workers	1,378,240	19	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Production & Operating Workers	666,850	40	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Retail Sales Workers	1,156,540	23	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Sales	322,170	87	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Managers: Transportation & Material-Moving Machine & Vehicle Operators	223,710	126	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Masons, Cement & Concrete Finishers	213,850	139	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mechanics & Installers; Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration	262,570	106	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mechanics: Bus, Truck & Diesel Engine Specialists	250,370	111	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Mechanics: Industrial Machinery	266,550	102	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Medical Assistants	434,540	66	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nurses: Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational	719,240	39	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nurses: Registered	2,468,340	5	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	1,390,260	18	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Officers, Compliance; Except Agriculture, Health & Safety, Construction & Transp.	231,910	121	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Officers: Correctional & Jailers	431,980	67	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Officers: Police & Sheriff's Patrol	625,880	44	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Operators & Tenders: Cutting, Punching & Press Mach. Setters (Metal & Plastic)	254,160	109	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Operators & Tenders: Packaging & Filling Machine	368,320	79	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Operators: Industrial Truck & Tractor	630,700	43	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Operators: Postal Service Mail Sorters, Processors & Processing Machine	201,430	143	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

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Operators: Printing Machine	199,790	148	★			★	★	★		★										★	★				★	★											★		
Operators: Sewing Machine	200,340	147	★																							★													
Packers & Packers (Hand)	798,450	36	★			★							★														★				★	★							
Painters: Construction & Maintenance	260,260	107	★			★		★	★		★				★												★										★		
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	241,270	115	★	★		★	★					★						★									★									★		★	
Pharmacists	253,110	110	★	★			★				★						★										★		★		★	★						★	
Pharmacy Technicians	301,950	91	★	★							★		★			★											★			★	★					★		★	
Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	435,010	65	★	★		★		★	★	★	★															★					★					★			
Programmers: Computer	394,710	74	★	★	★		★						★										★	★			★							★		★			
Public Relations Specialists	225,880	125	★			★	★					★											★				★				★	★				★		★	
Purchasing Agents: Except Wholesale, Retail & Farm Products	281,950	97	★	★			★					★				★			★								★					★				★		★	
Recruitment & Placement Specialists	193,620	149	★	★			★					★				★				★							★			★	★	★				★		★	
Sales Agents: Insurance	321,920	88	★	★			★					★											★				★			★	★	★				★			
Sales Agents: Securities, Commodities & Financial Services	268,480	101	★	★			★					★		★													★			★	★	★				★			
Sales Representatives: Wholesale & Mfg., Technical & Scientific Products	403,320	72	★	★			★													★			★				★			★	★	★				★			
Sales Representatives: Wholesale & Mfg., Except Tech. & Scientific Products	1,505,930	17	★	★		★														★			★				★			★	★	★				★			
Sales: Parts	230,480	122	★	★		★	★				★																★			★	★	★				★			
Sales: Retail	4,429,060	1	★				★				★	★				★											★			★	★							★	
Sales: Telemarketers	354,000	81	★				★						★						★	★			★				★			★	★					★			
Secretaries: Except Legal, Medical & Executive	1,832,490	11	★	★			★					★							★								★			★	★					★		★	
Secretaries: Executive & Administrative Assistants	1,517,410	16	★	★		★	★												★								★			★	★					★		★	
Secretaries: Legal	266,180	103	★	★		★	★					★	★														★				★					★		★	
Secretaries: Medical	424,670	68	★			★	★																				★			★	★	★				★		★	
Social & Human Service Assistants	316,380	89	★			★	★					★								★							★			★	★	★					★		
Social Workers: Child, Family & School	265,090	104	★	★			★					★								★							★			★	★	★					★		
Teacher Assistants	1,251,610	21	★	★			★				★	★								★							★			★	★					★			
Teachers: Elementary School, Except Special Education	1,538,030	15	★	★			★				★	★								★							★			★					★		★		
Teachers: Middle School, Except Special & Vocational Education	652,560	41	★	★			★				★	★								★							★			★	★					★			
Teachers: Preschool, Except Special Education	380,930	77	★				★				★	★								★							★			★	★					★		★	
Teachers: Secondary School, Except Special & Vocational Education	1,058,870	26	★	★			★				★	★								★							★			★	★					★			
Teachers: Special Education, Preschool Kindergarten & Elementary School	219,930	131	★	★							★	★								★							★			★	★					★		★	
Technicians: Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	201,200	144	★			★	★					★								★							★			★	★	★					★		
Technicians: Mechanics & Automotive Service	650,780	42	★	★	★		★	★	★	★																	★	★								★	★		
Technicians: Radiologic Technologists	200,370	146	★	★		★	★				★	★	★						★								★			★	★	★						★	
Tellers	607,960	46	★	★			★												★	★							★			★	★	★					★		
Trainers: Fitness & Aerobics Instructors	219,990	130	★			★		★			★	★								★										★	★	★					★		
Training & Development Specialists	202,820	141	★	★	★						★	★															★			★	★					★		★	
Waiters & Waitresses	2,357,040	7	★	★		★	★				★	★															★			★	★	★							
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	385,740	75	★			★	★	★	★		★	★						★	★							★	★			★						★			
Workers: Cafeteria, Counter, Food Concession & Coffee Shop Attendants	541,370	52	★								★																★			★	★								
Workers: Child Care	576,680	49	★	★			★				★	★							★	★									★	★						★			
Workers: Dining Room & Cafeteria Attendants & Bartender Helpers	401,070	73	★									★																		★	★	★							
Workers: Driver/Sales	382,360	76	★	★		★	★												★								★			★	★	★					★		
Workers: Food Preparation	873,470	34	★			★					★	★															★			★	★	★							
Workers: Food Preparation & Serving, Including Fast Food	2,602,950	4	★								★																			★	★	★							
Workers: Landscaping & Groundskeeping	932,730	30	★				★	★																			★	★			★						★		
Workers: Laundry & Dry-Cleaning	218,060	134	★				★	★																			★			★							★		
Workers: Maintenance & Repair, General	1,308,350	20	★			★	★	★	★	★												★					★	★										★	
Workers: Production Helpers	524,440	54	★			★					★															★	★			★									
Workers: Recreation	278,070	100	★				★				★	★				★											★			★	★	★					★		