



The U.S. News 100 Best Jobs for Graduates in 2018

	Median Salary	Number of Jobs	Unemployment Rate	Education Required
1. Software Developer	\$100,800	253,400	1.6%	2 Years/Experience
2. Dentist	\$153,900	23,200	0.4%	5-6 Years
3. Physician Assistant	\$101,480	39,700	0.7%	6+ Years
4. Nurse Practitioner	\$100,910	56,000	0.7%	6-8 Years
5. Orthodontist	\$208,000	1,100	0.4%	7-12 Years
6. Statistician	\$ 80,500	12,400	1.4%	4-8 Years
7. Pediatrician	\$168,990	5,300	0.5%	13-16 Years
8. Obstetrician/Gynecologist	\$208,000	3,900	0.5%	12-16 Years
9. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon	\$208,000	1,200	0.5%	10-14 Years
10. Physician	\$196,380	8,400	0.5%	11-16 Years
11. Occupational Therapist	\$ 81,910	27,700	0.3%	6-8 Years
12. Physical Therapist	\$208,000	5,900	0.7%	7-10 Years
13. Anesthesiologist	\$ 98,260	9,100	0.5%	12-14 Years
14. Surgeon	\$208,000	7,600	0.5%	13-16 Years
15. Psychiatrist	\$194,740	3,600	1.8%	11-12 Years
16. Prosthodontist	\$126,050	200	0.4%	11 Years
17. Dental Hygienist	\$ 72,910	40,900	0.5%	2-6 Years
18. Registered Nurse	\$ 68,450	437,000	1.2%	5-6 Years
19. Marketing Manager	\$131,180	136,000	2.8%	4 Years
20. Physical Therapist Assistant	\$ 56,610	27,200	2.4%	2 Years
21. Respiratory Therapist	\$ 58,670	30,400	0.8%	2-4 Years
22. Nurse Anesthetist	\$160,270	6,700	2.7%	5+ Years
23. Optometrist	\$106,140	7,000	1.8%	8-12 Years
24. Actuary	\$100,600	5,300	1.4%	4 Years
25. Mathematician	\$105,810	900	1.4%	4-6 Years
26. Diagnostic Medical Sonographer	\$ 69,650	15,600	1.1%	OJT to 2 Years
27. Cost Estimator	\$ 61,790	23,000	0.6%	OJT to 4 Years
28. Business Operations Manager	\$ 99,310	205,900	1.7%	4-6 Years
29. Podiatrist	\$124,830	1,100	2.1%	10-11 Years
30. Veterinarian	\$ 88,770	14,400	0.4%	4-8 Years
31. Radiation Therapist	\$ 80,160	2,300	0.5%	1-4 Years
32. Information Security Analyst	\$ 92,600	28,400	3.2%	4 Years
33. Lawyer	\$118,160	74,800	0.7%	8 Years
34. Mechanical Engineer	\$ 84,190	25,300	1.1%	2-4 Years
35. Nurse Midwife	\$ 99,770	1,300	3.4%	4-6 Years
36. Accountant	\$ 68,150	140,300	2.5%	4-6 Years
37. Financial Advisor	\$ 90,530	39,300	1.5%	4 Years
38. Speech-Language Pathologist	\$ 74,680	25,400	1.5%	7-8 Years
39. Civil Engineer	\$ 83,540	32,100	1.5%	4 Years
40. Financial Manager	\$121,750	108,400	2.8%	4 Years
41. Wind Turbine Technician	\$ 52,260	5,500	4.9%	OJT
42. IT Manager	\$135,800	43,800	2.7%	6+ Years
43. Massage Therapist	\$ 39,860	37,700	1.0%	1-2 Years
44. School Psychologist	\$ 73,270	20,900	1.8%	5-8 Years
45. Pharmacist	\$122,230	17,600	2.0%	6-11 Years
46. Computer Systems Analyst	\$ 87,220	53,000	2.6%	4 Years
47. Operations Research Analyst	\$ 79,200	31,300	3.3%	4-6 Years
48. Plumber (New in 2018)	\$ 51,450	75,800	4.4%	OJT
49. Computer Network Architect	\$101,210	10,400	1.1%	9-14 Years
50. Compliance Officer (New in 2018)	\$ 66,540	23,700	0.8%	4 Years
51. Medical Assistant	\$ 31,540	184,600	3.5%	OJT to 2 Years
52. Epidemiologist/Medical Scientist	\$ 70,820	500	0.4%	6-8 Years
53. Patrol Officer	\$ 59,680	47,800	0.3%	1-4 Years
54. HR Specialist (New in 2018)	\$ 59,020	32,500	2.2%	4 Years
55. Computer Systems Administrator	\$ 79,700	23,900	1.4%	4 Years
56. Personal Care Aide	\$ 21,920	754,000	6.6%	OJT to 2 Years
57. Loan Officer	\$ 63,650	36,500	2.5%	4 Years/Certified
58. Medical Secretary	\$ 33,730	129,100	3.5%	2 Years
59. Marriage and Family Therapist	\$ 49,170	8,400	1.6%	6-8 Years
60. Occupational Therapy Assistant	\$ 59,010	11,400	4.6%	2 Years
61. Psychologist	\$ 95,710	1,600	1.8%	11-12 Years
62. Construction Manager	\$ 89,300	46,100	2.7%	OJT to 2 Years
63. Clinical Social Worker	\$ 53,760	32,700	2.1%	4-6 Years
64. Radiologic Technologist	\$ 57,450	25,200	2.1%	2 Years/Certified
65. Medical and Health Services Manager	\$ 96,540	69,800	3.3%	4-6 Years
66. Home Health Aide	\$ 22,600	425,600	5.2%	Certified
67. Physical Therapist Aide	\$ 25,680	15,100	2.4%	OJT
68. Medical Records Technician	\$ 38,040	27,800	1.9%	2 Years/Certified
69. Database Administrator	\$ 84,950	13,700	3.1%	4-6 Years
70. Cartographer	\$ 62,750	2,400	3.7%	4 Years
71. Child and Family Social Worker	\$ 43,250	42,100	2.1%	4-8 Years
72. Chiropractor	\$ 67,520	5,000	1.4%	7-8 Years
73. Dietitian and Nutritionist	\$ 58,920	9,600	2.0%	4 Years
74. Financial Analyst	\$ 81,760	32,100	2.1%	4 Years
75. Management Analyst	\$ 81,330	96,500	3.9%	4-6 Years
76. Web Developer	\$ 66,130	21,300	5.2%	4 Years/Experience
77. Computer Support Specialist	\$ 52,160	87,100	3.3%	4 Years/Experience
78. MRI Technologist	\$ 68,420	5,000	2.1%	2 Years
79. Industrial Psychologist	\$ 82,760	100	1.8%	6-8 Years
80. Medical Equipment Repairer (New in 2018)	\$ 48,070	2,500	1.0%	2-4 Years
81. Orthotist and Prosthetist	\$ 65,630	1,700	3.4%	6-8 Years
82. Optician	\$ 35,530	11,300	1.8%	OJT to 2 Years
83. High School Teacher	\$ 58,030	76,800	2.8%	4-6 Years
84. Hearing Aid Specialist	\$ 50,250	1,300	2.0%	2-4 Years
85. Technical Writer (New in 2018)	\$ 69,850	5,700	4.0%	4 Years
86. Paralegal (New in 2018)	\$ 49,500	41,800	1.9%	2-4 Years
87. Nuclear Medicine Technologist	\$ 74,350	2,000	2.1%	2-4 Years
88. Fundraiser (New in 2018)	\$ 54,130	13,200	4.2%	4 Years
89. Maintenance and Repair Worker	\$ 36,940	112,700	4.4%	OJT/Experience
90. Interpreter and Translator	\$ 46,120	11,400	4.3%	4 Years
91. Social/Community Service Manager (New in 2018)	\$ 64,680	23,100	3.3%	4 Years/Experience
92. Surgical Technologist	\$ 45,160	12,600	2.1%	2 Years/Certified
93. Petroleum Engineer	\$128,230	4,900	5.9%	4 Years
94. Clinical Laboratory Technician	\$ 38,950	22,900	3.5%	OJT to 2 Years
95. Sales Manager	\$117,960	28,400	2.8%	2-4 Years
96. Licensed Practical/Limited Vocational Nurse (New in 2018)	\$ 44,090	88,600	3.2%	1 Year/Certified
97. Mental Health Counselor	\$ 42,840	31,200	3.1%	7-8 Years
98. Dental Assistant	\$ 36,940	64,600	3.6%	1-2 Years
99. Political Scientist (New in 2018)	\$114,290	200	4.0%	6-8 Years
100. Substance Abuse/Behavioral Disorder Counselor (New in 2018)	\$ 41,070	20,400	3.1%	4-8 Years