

# 2025 TOP 50 HIGH DEMAND OCCUPATIONS REQUIRING LESS THAN A BACHELORS DEGREE

Occupation	2024-2026 Job Growth	2022-2032 Job Growth	Annual Median Wages	Education	On-The-Job Training
Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel	50	282	\$77,376	High school diploma or equivalent	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers	49	161	\$86,050	High school diploma or equivalent	Short-term on-the-job training
Food Service Managers	28	398	\$80,038	High school diploma or equivalent	Short-term on-the-job training
Chefs and Head Cooks	53	460	\$74,006	High school diploma or equivalent	None
Security Guards	553	674	\$63,128	High school diploma or equivalent	Short-term on-the-job training
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	94	408	\$60,611	High school diploma or equivalent	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Computer User Support Specialists	20	80	\$76,877	Some college, no degree	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	45	195	\$88,338	High school diploma or equivalent	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Bartenders	120	917	\$54,933	No formal educational credential	Short-term on-the-job training
Electricians	41	203	\$81,952	High school diploma or equivalent	Apprenticeship
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	26	-888	\$85,530	High school diploma or equivalent	None
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	66	110	\$70,429	Postsecondary nondegree award	None
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	-108	191	\$99,299	Associate's degree	None
Waiters and Waitresses	188	2053	\$45,781	No formal educational credential	Short-term on-the-job training
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and Serving Workers	104	963	\$56,347	High school diploma or equivalent	None
Medical Assistants	98	465	\$49,733	Postsecondary nondegree award	None
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary	112	166	\$44,820	Some college, no degree	None
Fast Food and Counter Workers	221	1927	\$38,251	No formal educational credential	Short-term on-the-job training
Cooks, Restaurant	342	3071	\$45,240	No formal educational credential	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Dining Room and Cafeteria Attendants and Bartender Helpers	116	940	\$38,168	No formal educational credential	Short-term on-the-job training
Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	8	22	\$99,070	Associate's degree	None
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	48	1695	\$38,397	No formal educational credential	Short-term on-the-job training
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	1255	2098	\$39,416	High school diploma or equivalent	Short-term on-the-job training
Dishwashers	61	686	\$37,544	No formal educational credential	Short-term on-the-job training
Concierges	128	429	\$36,691	High school diploma or equivalent	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	108	178	\$45,094	Associate's degree	None
Computer Network Support Specialists	12	30	\$86,736	Associate's degree	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	13	33	\$81,952	High school diploma or equivalent	Apprenticeship
Respiratory Therapists	14	50	\$104,250	Associate's degree	None
Receptionists and Information Clerks	53	69	\$43,909	High school diploma or equivalent	Short-term on-the-job training
Stockers and Order Fillers	123	494	\$38,750	High school diploma or equivalent	Short-term on-the-job training
Parking Attendants	122	292	\$36,608	No formal educational credential	Short-term on-the-job training
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	17	103	\$45,136	No formal educational credential	Short-term on-the-job training
Nursing Assistants	50	214	\$46,862	Postsecondary nondegree award	None
Detectives and Criminal Investigators	#N/A	#N/A	\$165,623	High school diploma or equivalent	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	18	69	\$53,019	Postsecondary nondegree award	None
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	4	26	\$83,387	Postsecondary nondegree award	Long-term on-the-job training
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	51	-1137	\$55,806	High school diploma or equivalent	Short-term on-the-job training
Carpenters	13	59	\$66,102	High school diploma or equivalent	Apprenticeship
Exercise Trainers and Group Fitness Instructors	69	206	\$45,344	High school diploma or equivalent	Short-term on-the-job training
Medical Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	35	154	\$47,237	High school diploma or equivalent	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Pharmacy Technicians	22	90	\$45,677	High school diploma or equivalent	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	107	357	\$48,048	Postsecondary nondegree award	None
Self-Enrichment Teachers	19	79	\$61,485	High school diploma or equivalent	None
First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material Moving Workers, Except Aircraft Cargo Handling Supervisors	15	84	\$70,803	High school diploma or equivalent	None
First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	-1	52	\$93,163	High school diploma or equivalent	None
First-Line Supervisors of Security Workers	23	5	\$78,291	High school diploma or equivalent	None
Dental Hygienists	6	19	\$127,899	Associate's degree	None
Audio and Video Technicians	2	53	\$72,030	Postsecondary nondegree award	Short-term on-the-job training
Social and Human Service Assistants	56	159	\$57,200	High school diploma or equivalent	Short-term on-the-job training

**Note:** This list includes occupations that show a favorable mix of current hiring demand (job openings and average hires), projected short-term and long-term job growth and median wages. **Source:** Office of Labor Market Research and Information (OLMRI) [does.dc.gov/page/labor-statistics](https://does.dc.gov/page/labor-statistics).