

New Mexico's Occupational Outlook

New Mexico's Best Job Options

New Mexico's *Fastest* Growing Occupations

Occupations with the Most Annual Job Openings

Solar Photovoltaic Installers	112.6%	5,230	Personal Care Aides
Wind Turbine Service Technicians	57.5%	4,430	Combined Food Prep. & Serving Workers
Personal Care Aides	40.2%	3,940	Cashiers
Information Security Analysts	37.2%	3,940	Retail Salespersons
Home Health Aides	36.5%	3,290	Waiters & Waitresses
Mathematicians	33.9%	2,210	Secretaries & Admin. Assts., Ex. Legal, Med. & Exec.
Nurse Practitioners	31.2%	2,060	Customer Service Representatives
Statisticians	28.4%	1,830	Janitors & Cleaners, Ex. Maids & Housekeeping
Machine Feeders & Offbearers	27.9%	1,420	General & Operations Managers
Physician Assistants	27.4%	1,390	Home Health Aides
Roustabouts, Oil & Gas	25.7%	1,370	Construction Laborers
Physical Therapist Aides	25.1%	1,340	Stock Clerks & Order Fillers
Derrick Operators, Oil & Gas	24.2%	1,260	Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners
Rotary Drill Operators, Oil & Gas	24.0%	1,250	Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material Movers
Physical Therapist Assistants	23.6%	1,250	Supervisors of Food Prep. & Serving Workers
Physical Therapists	23.5%	1,200	Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	23.5%	1,200	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers
Computer & Information Research Scientists	23.4%	1,180	Registered Nurses
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsec.	22.9%	1,160	Cooks, Restaurant
Physicists	22.8%	1,120	Office Clerks, General

Highest Paying Occupations

By Typical Minimum Required Education

Occupation	Annual Openings	Annual Average Wage
Doctoral or Professional Degree		
Surgeons	10	\$281,960
Internists, General	10	\$266,920
Psychiatrists	***	\$236,880
Orthodontists	***	\$206,110
Dentists, General	40	\$167,720
Family & General Practitioners	30	\$160,780
Physicists	180	\$147,690
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	130	\$144,650

Occupation	Annual Openings	Annual Average Wage
Master's Degree		
Computer & Information Research Scientists	80	\$132,210
Mathematicians	10	\$109,990
Nurse Practitioners	80	\$109,330
Physician Assistants	70	\$105,210
Nurse Midwives	10	\$99,870
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	60	\$91,730
Education Administrators, Elementary & Secondary School	130	\$84,660
Occupational Therapists	50	\$81,310

Occupation	Annual Openings	Annual Average Wage
Bachelor's Degree		
Architectural & Engineering Managers	140	\$149,200
Nuclear Engineers	80	\$138,970
Mining & Geological Engineers, Incl. Mining Safety Engineers	20	\$138,420
Materials Scientists	***	\$134,420
Personal Financial Advisors	60	\$127,350
Materials Engineers	30	\$122,800
Petroleum Engineers	20	\$119,710
Aerospace Engineers	50	\$117,980

Occupation	Annual Openings	Annual Average Wage
Associate's Degree		
Air Traffic Controllers	30	\$116,330
Dental Hygienists	90	\$89,740
Nuclear Medicine Technologists	10	\$78,530
Mechanical Engineering Technicians	10	\$77,370
Electrical & Electronics Drafters	20	\$72,540
Mechanical Drafters	20	\$71,060
Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists	20	\$70,460
Nuclear Technicians	***	\$69,010

Occupation	Annual Openings	Annual Average Wage
Postsecondary Non-Degree Award or Some College, No Degree		
Electrical & Electronics Repairers, Powerhouse, Substation & Relay	10	\$79,930
Court Reporters	10	\$64,400
First-Line Supervisors of Fire Fighting & Prevention Workers	60	\$59,190
Electrical & Electronics Repairers, Commercial & Industrial Equip.	20	\$57,130
Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians	30	\$56,630
Telecomm. Equipment Installers & Repairers, Ex. Line Installers	150	\$54,230
Sound Engineering Technicians	10	\$52,130
Insurance Appraisers, Auto Damage	***	\$51,690

Occupation	Annual Openings	Annual Average Wage
High School Diploma or Equivalent		
Commercial Pilots	30	\$109,960
Transportation, Storage & Distribution Managers	30	\$89,320
Power Distributors & Dispatchers	10	\$86,830
First-Line Supervisors of Police & Detectives	50	\$78,540
Power Plant Operators	20	\$78,190
Detectives & Criminal Investigators	90	\$77,360
Locomotive Engineers	50	\$76,850
Real Estate Brokers	30	\$75,170

Occupation	Annual Openings	Annual Average Wage
No Formal Educational Credential		
Continuous Mining Machine Operators	110	\$60,570
Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas & Mining	220	\$56,830
Rotary Drill Operators, Oil & Gas	80	\$50,290
Tapers	10	\$46,840
Derrick Operators, Oil & Gas	140	\$46,840
Hoist & Winch Operators	***	\$41,520
Drywall & Ceiling Tile Installers	70	\$41,190
Painting, Coating & Decorating Workers	10	\$39,470

* Projected annual job openings for 2016 through 2026. Includes occupations with 6 or more projected annual openings. "All Other" occupations are excluded. Median Annual Wage is for 2017.

*** Data are suppressed.

New Mexico's STAR Occupations

The Best Job Opportunities in New Mexico

5-STAR OCCUPATIONS



	Annual Openings	Median Annual Wage	Required Education
Registered Nurses	1,180	\$69,840	BD
Roustabouts, Oil & Gas	330	\$36,010	NE
Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	320	\$44,890	HS
Management Analysts	290	\$77,140	BD

4-STAR OCCUPATIONS



	Annual Openings	Median Annual Wage	Required Education
General & Operations Managers	1,420	\$100,610	BD
Supervisors of Construction Trades & Extraction Workers	640	\$62,790	HS
Dental Assistants	330	\$34,880	PS
Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	280	\$39,870	HS
Computer User Support Specialists	240	\$42,020	SC
Financial Managers	220	\$100,830	BD
Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas & Mining	220	\$56,830	NE
Medical & Health Services Managers	210	\$117,960	BD
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	180	\$48,060	PS
Physicists	180	\$147,690	DP
Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists	170	\$42,540	HS
Insurance Sales Agents	170	\$47,970	HS
Administrative Services Managers	160	\$88,800	BD
Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	150	\$41,820	PS
Derrick Operators, Oil & Gas	140	\$46,840	NE
Food Service Managers	140	\$52,020	HS
Network & Computer Systems Administrators	140	\$73,740	BD
Software Developers, Systems Software	140	\$98,580	BD
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	130	\$144,650	DP
Computer Systems Analysts	120	\$81,500	BD
Environmental Scientists & Specialists, Including Health	120	\$87,810	BD
Civil Engineers	110	\$89,940	BD
Computer Hardware Engineers	110	***	BD
Computer Network Support Specialists	110	\$60,640	AD
Software Developers, Applications	110	\$79,230	BD
Helpers--Extraction Workers	100	\$41,820	HS
Physical Therapists	100	\$92,580	DP
Property, Real Estate & Community Association Managers	100	\$52,740	HS
Supervisors of Helpers, Laborers & Material Movers	100	***	HS
Supervisors of Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	100	\$42,580	HS

3-STAR OCCUPATIONS



	Annual Openings	Median Annual Wage	Required Education
Accountants & Auditors	700	\$66,970	BD
Supervisors of Personal Service Workers	260	\$35,610	HS
Child, Family & School Social Workers	250	\$41,650	BD
Billing & Posting Clerks	220	\$34,900	HS
Training & Development Specialists	200	\$55,380	BD
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	190	\$43,940	AD
Educational, Guidance, School & Vocational Counselors	180	\$57,790	MD
Supervisors of Housekeeping & Janitorial Workers	180	\$38,180	HS
Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	160	\$57,680	BD
Mental Health Counselors	160	***	MD
Healthcare Social Workers	150	\$55,640	MD
Sales Reps, Wholesale & Manufacturing, Technical & Scientific Products	140	\$65,450	BD
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	120	\$38,620	MD
Loan Officers	110	\$62,940	BD
Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	110	\$37,020	PS
Substance Abuse & Behavioral Disorder Counselors	100	***	BD

Typical Minimum Education Required

- AD: Associate's degree
- BD: Bachelor's degree
- DP: Doctoral or professional degree
- HS: High school diploma or equivalent
- MD: Master's degree
- NE: No formal educational credential
- PS: Postsecondary nondegree award
- SC: Some college, no degree

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COULD HELP YOU
LAND A JOB**

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CAREERS
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WHERE TO GO**

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physical therapist
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doctor
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computer system
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trainer
health
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**YOUR ONLINE
REPUTATION**

Making the Most of
Social Networks &
Avoiding a Negative
Online Reputation

**MAKING
JOB FAIRS
WORK
FOR YOU!**

**NEW MEXICO'S
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JOBS**

By Education Level



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Your Resource for School and Work

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