

# Most Job Openings to 2026



Usually, jobs expected to have many job openings will offer you the best opportunities to get hired, earn promotions, and receive pay raises. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the jobs listed in this lesson will provide the most openings because: 1) U.S. economic growth will create "new" jobs, and 2) Older workers will leave their jobs creating "replacement" job openings. Note: One to five years of work experience in the job is required before a worker receives a promotion to supervisor or manager.

**High School Graduate & GED:**  
**(Some employers may require some college or training in addition to the high school diploma)**

- Food Prep & Serving Workers
- Retail Salespersons
- Cashiers
- Waiters & Waitress
- Personal Care Aides
- Laborers, Freight & Stockroom
- Customer Service Representatives
- Office Clerks
- Janitors & Cleaners
- Stock Clerks & Order Fillers
- Secretaries (not legal or medical)
- Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners
- Cooks, Restaurant
- Childcare Workers
- Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers
- Home Health Aides
- Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers
- Sales Representatives, Wholesale (not technical)
- Security Guards
- Maintenance & Repair Workers
- Supervisors of Office Workers
- Receptionists & Information Clerks
- Supervisors of Food Prep Workers
- Construction Laborers
- Sales Representatives, Service Industry
- Counter Attendants, Cafeteria & Coffee Shops
- Truck Delivery Drivers, Light Trucks
- Packers, by hand (pack Internet orders into boxes)
- Team Assemblers (build products in factories)
- Carpenters
- Bartenders
- Agriculture Workers
- Electricians
- Medical Secretaries
- Recreation & Amusement Park Workers



**College Certificate or Associate (2-year) Degree:**

- Truck Drivers, Heavy Trucks
- Bookkeeping & Accounting Clerks
- Teacher Assistants
- Medical Assistants
- Hairstylists & Cosmetologists
- Automotive Service Technicians/Mechanics
- Licensed Practical & Vocational Nurses
- Computer User Support Specialists
- Preschool Teachers
- Heat/Air/Refrigeration Mechanics/Installers
- Paralegals & Legal Assistants
- Firefighters
- Telecommunications Equipmt Installers
- Massage Therapists
- Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics
- Dental Hygienists
- Phlebotomists (take blood samples, medical)
- Computer Network Support Specialists
- Manicurists & Pedicurists
- Medical Records Technicians
- Human Resources (Personnel Office) Assistants
- Physical Therapist Assistants
- Library Technicians
- Radiologic (X-Ray) Technologists
- Medical & Clinical Lab Technicians
- Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technicians
- Office Machine Repairers
- Health Technicians (Doctor Offices/Hospitals)
- Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians
- Veterinary Assistants/Technologists
- Surgical Technicians (assist doctors in surgery)
- Life, Physical, Social Science Technicians
- Respiratory Therapists
- Drafters, Architectural & Civil
- Audio & Video Equipment Technicians
- Skincare Specialists
- Actors & Actresses



**Bachelor (4-year) Degree:**

General & Operations Business Managers  
 Teachers & Instructors (not public/private schools)  
 Elementary School Teachers  
 Business Operations Specialists  
 Software Developers, Applications & Apps  
 Business Management Analysts  
 Secondary (High School) Teachers  
 Managers (all types)  
 Market & Sales Research Specialists  
 Human Resources (Personnel Depart) Specialists  
 Financial Managers  
 Middle (Junior High) School Teachers  
 Coaches & Scouts  
 Securities, Stock, Financial Services Sales Agents  
 Child, Family & School Social Workers  
 Sales Reps (Technical/Scientific/Medical Products)  
 Sales Managers  
 Computer & Information Systems Managers  
 Training & Development Specialists  
 Loan & Credit Officers  
 Clergy, Pastors & Preachers  
 Financial Analysts  
 Public Relations Specialists  
 Network & Computer Systems Administrators  
 Graphic Designers  
 Compliance (Inspection) Officers  
 Personal Financial Advisors  
 Cost Estimators

**Bachelor (4-year) Degree:**

Purchasing Agents  
 Chief & Top Business Executives  
 Engineers, Industrial  
 Directors of Religious Activities  
 Teachers, Kindergarten  
**Master (6-year), Doctorate, Professional Degree:**  
 Lawyers  
 Educational, Guidance & School Counselors  
 Health Speciality College Teachers  
 Healthcare Social Workers  
 Education Administrators, Elementary/High School  
 Mental Health Counselors  
 Physical Therapists  
 Instructional Coordinators  
 Mental Health/Substance Abuse Counselors  
 Pharmacists  
 Physicians & Surgeons  
 Librarians  
 Rehabilitation Counselors  
 Clinical & School Psychologists  
 Medical Scientists  
 Physicians Assistants  
 Business Teachers, College  
 Speech-Language Pathologists  
 Occupational Therapists  
 Teachers, English Language & Literature  
 College Teachers, Nursing & Education  
 Dentists

**QUICK CHECK:**

- Jobs expected to have many job openings will offer you what 3 opportunities?
- For what 2 reasons will the jobs listed in this lesson provide the most openings?
- How many years of work experience in the job is required for supervisors or managers?
- a) Do you think it is fair that supervisors must have experience in the job before promotion to supervisor? b) Give a reason for your answer.
- Of the jobs that have the most openings for high school graduates: a) Select one job that you may enjoy right after graduation. b) Give 3 reasons why you selected this job.
- Certificate or associate degree, list: a) 5 jobs that require workers to work with technical equipment or machinery. b) 5 jobs that require workers to deal with many people at work.
- For bachelor degree, list: a) 5 jobs that require workers to speak in front of people. b) 2 jobs that require some work outdoors. c) 5 jobs that require good computer skills. d) 3 jobs that require good sales skills. e) 2 jobs that require workers to read religious books.
- a) Do you think it is worth the time, expense, and effort to attend college in order to get hired into a job that requires college training? b) Give a reason for your answer.
- a) Which job listed on these two pages may you enjoy for a future career? b) In an essay of 25-words or more, give reasons why.