

Ten Hottest Careers for College Graduates

Experts Predict Where the Jobs Will Be in 2014

Wondering where the jobs will be in the future? Government economists estimate which occupations will grow fastest between 2004 and 2014. They also predict which occupations will have the most new jobs.

Check out the following top 10 lists (the numbers are in thousands of jobs):

Ten Fastest Growing Occupations for College Grads

Occupation	2004	2014	Percent Change
Network systems and data communications analysts	231	357	55
Physician assistants	62	93	50
Computer software engineers, applications	460	682	48
Physical therapist assistants	59	85	44
Dental hygienists	158	226	43
Computer software engineers, systems software	340	486	43
Network and computer systems administrators	278	385	38
Database administrators	104	144	38
Physical therapists	155	211	37
Forensic science technicians	10	13	36

Occupations with the Most New Jobs: Associate's Degrees or Postsecondary Vocational Awards

Occupation	2004	2014	Percent Change
Registered nurses	2,394	3,096	703
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	1,455	1,781	325
Preschool teachers, except special education	431	573	143
Automotive service technicians and mechanics	803	929	126

Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	726	850	124
Computer support specialists	518	638	119
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists	610	708	98
Dental hygienists	158	226	68
Paralegals and legal assistants	224	291	67
Medical secretaries	373	436	63

Occupations with the Most New Jobs: Bachelor's Degrees

Occupation	2004	2014	Percent Change
Elementary school teachers, except special education	1,457	1,722	265
Accountants and auditors	1,176	1,440	264
Computer software engineers, applications	460	682	222
Computer systems analysts	487	640	153
Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	1,024	1,172	148
Computer software engineers, systems software	340	486	146
Network systems and data communications analysts	231	357	126
Network and computer systems administrators	278	385	107
Middle school teachers, except special and vocational education	628	714	86
Employment, recruitment, and placement specialists	182	237	55

Source: United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, www.bls.gov.