



Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH)

<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>

The OOH is a publication of the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. It is updated every 2-years.

Ways to use the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* site:

1. To find out about a specific occupation or topic, enter your search term in the search box (found in the upper right corner of every page—change the drop down box to list Occupational Outlook Handbook).
2. To find out about many occupations, browse through listings using the **Occupations links** in the left column of every page.
3. For a listing of all occupations in alphabetical order, go to the **A-Z Index** (listed just above the green bar near the top of every page) then select a letter.

Each entry contains the following sections

- Nature of the Work
- Working Conditions
- Training, Other Qualifications, and Advancement
- Employment
- Job Outlook
- Earnings
- Related Occupations
- Sources of Additional Information

Additional Career Links

- **Career Guide to Industries (CGI)**, <http://www.bls.gov/oco/cg/>. Includes info about job market by state)
- **Fastest growing jobs**, by level of education/training, <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocotjt1.htm>
- **Median earnings by level of education**, <http://www.bls.gov/emp/emptab7.htm>

Definitions of terms used in OOH

Changing employment between 2004 and 2014	
If the statement reads:	Employment is projected to:
Grow much faster than average	Increase 27 percent or more
Grow faster than average	Increase 18 to 26 percent
Grow about as fast as average	Increase 9 to 17 percent
Grow more slowly than average	Increase 0 to 8 percent
Decline	Decrease any amount
Opportunities and competition for jobs	
If the statement reads:	Job openings compared with job seekers may be:
Very good to excellent opportunities	More numerous
Good or favorable opportunities	In rough balance
May face, or can expect, keen competition	Fewer

