

1 & 2	My Ranking	Job Title	Median Salary	Education Required	Work Environment	Job Outlook (Growth Rate)	Geographic Factors	Work-Life Balance	Remote Option	Skills Needed	Industry Applications	Advancement Opportunities
	1	Software Developers	\$130,160 per year	Bachelor's	Office, remote possible	17% (Much faster than average)	NOVA/D.C., urban hubs	Good	Yes	Python, SQL, cloud platforms	Tech, finance, healthcare	Strong, move into leadership
	2	Data Scientist	\$108,020/year	Bachelor's or Master's	Office, team collaborations	36% (Much faster than avg)	Urban hubs	Good	Yes	Python, R, machine learning	Tech, consulting, government	Excellent, leadership/strategy
	3	Machine Learning Engineer	\$113,640/year	Master's preferred	Office, R&D environments	Rapid growth	Often in tech hubs	Good	Yes	Python, TensorFlow, algorithms	AI development, automation	Strong, specialization
	4	Cybersecurity Analyst	\$102,600/year	Bachelor's	Office, remote possible	33% (Much faster than avg)	High demand in D.C.	Good	Yes	Networking, firewalls, risk analysis	Tech, government, finance	Strong, leadership potential
	5	Statistical Scientist	\$95,570/year	Master's	Office, research-heavy	33% (Much faster than avg)	Urban/academic centers	Moderate	Limited	Statistical modeling, R, SPSS	Research, healthcare, education	Moderate, expert/consultant role
	6	Operations Research Analyst	\$85,720/year	Master's	Office, data-heavy industries	23% (Much faster than avg)	Nationwide, logistics demand	Good	Limited	Decision modeling, linear programming	Logistics, defense, transportation	Strong, strategic roles
	7	Database Administrator	\$117,450/year	Bachelor's	IT environments	9% (Faster than avg)	Urban centers	Good	Yes	SQL, database management systems	IT, government, healthcare	Moderate, IT management
	8	Economist	\$115,730/year	Master's or PhD	Office, government, research	6% (Average)	Major urban centers	Moderate	Limited	Economic modeling, policy analysis	Government, academia, consulting	Strong, leadership roles
	9	Systems Analyst	\$93,730/year	Bachelor's	IT environments, flexible	9% (Faster than avg)	Tech and government hubs	Good	Yes	Systems design, process optimization	IT, consulting, logistics	Moderate, transition to IT lead