

PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN

Iowa

EDUCATION/
TRAINING
REQUIRED

AVERAGE
ANNUAL
OPENINGS

GROWTH
RATE

2014 ANNUAL WAGE

25th Percentile Median 75th Percentile

Occupation	Education/Training Required	Average Annual Openings	Growth Rate	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	+ OJT	1,490	18.8%	\$31,750	\$40,830	\$49,320
Registered nurses		1,190	17.3%	\$44,940	\$53,220	\$61,490
Nursing assistants		740	13.5%	\$21,420	\$23,980	\$28,360
Teacher assistants		470	7.2%	\$18,780	\$22,400	\$26,990
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists		360	21.5%	\$18,170	\$22,150	\$29,250
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses		350	20.8%	\$33,830	\$38,090	\$44,110
Computer user support specialists	+ OJT	190	23.3%	\$33,010	\$42,830	\$52,030
First-line supervisors of production and operating workers		190	5.7%	\$40,490	\$49,930	\$63,700
Preschool teachers, except special education		180	14.5%	\$20,920	\$24,100	\$30,600
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers	+ OJT	160	24.0%	\$36,430	\$46,390	\$59,700
Medical assistants		150	23.3%	\$25,320	\$29,290	\$35,170
Dental hygienists		110	26.6%	\$62,620	\$68,610	\$74,470
Dental assistants		110	18.7%	\$30,490	\$36,250	\$43,120
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics		100	16.0%	\$25,840	\$31,380	\$38,920
Medical records and health information technicians		90	17.7%	\$29,300	\$35,380	\$43,840
Radiologic technologists		80	17.1%	\$41,110	\$47,570	\$56,410
Medical and clinical laboratory technicians		70	24.6%	\$32,390	\$39,940	\$47,450
Firefighters	+ OJT	60	6.5%	\$24,690	\$41,210	\$49,090
Paralegals and legal assistants		50	15.2%	\$34,970	\$45,850	\$51,810

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Telecommunications equipment installers and repairers, except line installers



40

2.2%

\$44,530

\$60,290

\$69,490

Computer network support specialists



30

5.8%

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