

PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN  
**New Jersey**


EDUCATION/  
TRAINING  
REQUIRED


AVERAGE  
ANNUAL  
OPENINGS


GROWTH  
RATE


2014 ANNUAL WAGE

25th Percentile Median 75th Percentile

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile
Registered nurses		2,450	11.3%	\$66,760	<b>\$78,040</b>	\$90,970
Nursing assistants		1,810	16.0%	\$23,970	<b>\$27,520</b>	\$31,240
Teacher assistants		1,250	2.0%	\$19,840	<b>\$24,750</b>	\$30,880
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	 + OJT	1,210	13.1%	\$37,010	<b>\$45,250</b>	\$56,480
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists		1,120	17.8%	\$23,430	<b>\$29,900</b>	\$38,370
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses		680	21.6%	\$46,930	<b>\$53,640</b>	\$59,250
Medical assistants		600	21.5%	\$27,730	<b>\$32,600</b>	\$37,350
Computer user support specialists	 + OJT	510	16.9%	\$41,770	<b>\$51,880</b>	\$64,510
Preschool teachers, except special education		440	3.0%	\$24,950	<b>\$32,400</b>	\$49,200
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers	 + OJT	440	19.0%	\$42,600	<b>\$55,510</b>	\$69,700
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics		350	16.0%	\$27,190	<b>\$30,630</b>	\$39,670
Dental assistants		330	17.1%	\$32,530	<b>\$39,600</b>	\$46,870
Dental hygienists		280	25.1%	\$75,290	<b>\$84,180</b>	\$91,600
Paralegals and legal assistants		240	16.4%	\$43,560	<b>\$55,850</b>	\$70,110
Manicurists and pedicurists		220	20.8%	\$19,990	<b>\$24,390</b>	\$29,830
Radiologic technologists		160	12.9%	\$55,970	<b>\$65,370</b>	\$74,550
Phlebotomists		150	20.6%	\$29,740	<b>\$34,190</b>	\$38,350
Telecommunications equipment installers and repairers, except line installers	 + OJT	140	10.8%	\$52,480	<b>\$65,760</b>	\$76,800
Chemical technicians	 + OJT	120	1.9%	\$36,690	<b>\$45,720</b>	\$59,970
Computer network support specialists		90	3.7%	\$60,160	<b>\$77,970</b>	\$100,650

 = some college, no degree

 = post-secondary non-degree award

 = associate's degree

**OJT** = on-the-job training