

What are the Buckeye Top Fifty?

- The Buckeye Top Fifty are high-wage occupations in Ohio that are in demand by employers and are projected to stay in demand.
- The Top Fifty pay average annual earnings of more than \$59,600.
- Within each occupational cluster, occupations are ranked by the total expected annual openings.

Why do I care?

When considering a career, examine the number of current job openings, projected growth for the career, average wages and educational requirements. It is important to note that almost all of these high-wage jobs require postsecondary education and training.

Job opportunities in high-wage jobs require education and training.

For more information...

Visit Ohio Labor Market Information on the web at <http://OhioLMI.com> or contact us at 1-888-296-7541 or 1-614-752-9494. To locate jobs in high-wage occupations, go to <http://OhioMeansJobs.com>.

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Buckeye Top Fifty: 2008–2018 Ohio's High-Wage Occupations in Demand



| | 2008 Employment | Total Annual Openings | Projected Employment Change 2008–2018 | Projected Percent Change | Average Annual Earnings | Education | Knowledge |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Business Cluster | | | | | | | |
| Customer Service Representatives | 83,800 | 3,644 | 10,060 | 12.0% | \$32,365 | Moderate-Term On-The-Job Training | Customer & Personal Service; Clerical; English Language |
| Accountants and Auditors | 45,900 | 1,509 | 7,330 | 16.0% | \$62,837 | Bachelor's Degree | Economics & Accounting; English Language; Mathematics |
| Market Research Analysts | 8,780 | 436 | 2,000 | 22.8% | \$62,837 | Bachelor's Degree | English Language; Customer & Personal Service; Administration & Management |
| Cost Estimators | 10,170 | 411 | 1,850 | 18.2% | \$61,152 | Bachelor's Degree | Mathematics; Engineering & Technology; English Language |
| Training and Development Specialists | 9,180 | 411 | 1,710 | 18.6% | \$53,477 | Bachelor's Degree | Education & Training; English Language; Customer & Personal Service |
| Employment, Recruitment & Placement Specialists | 7,450 | 370 | 1,760 | 23.6% | \$51,480 | Bachelor's Degree | English Language; Customer & Personal Service; Administration & Management |
| Public Relations Specialists | 6,900 | 276 | 1,130 | 16.4% | \$52,458 | Bachelor's Degree | Communications & Media; English Language; Sales & Marketing |
| Compliance Officers, except Agri, Construction, Health, etc. | 8,080 | 269 | 1,830 | 22.6% | \$53,602 | Long-Term On-The-Job Training | English Language; Law & Government; Customer & Personal Service |
| Financial Analysts | 7,310 | 230 | 970 | 13.3% | \$73,195 | Bachelor's Degree | Economics & Accounting; English Language; Mathematics |
| Paralegals and Legal Assistants | 6,570 | 192 | 1,170 | 17.8% | \$44,200 | Associate Degree | English Language; Law & Government; Clerical |
| Compensation, Benefits & Job Analysis Specialists | 4,330 | 184 | 710 | 16.4% | \$54,080 | Bachelor's Degree | Personnel & Human Resources; English Language; Administration & Management |
| Real Estate Sales Agents | 5,620 | 176 | 840 | 14.9% | \$49,213 | Postsecondary Vocational Award | Sales & Marketing; Customer & Personal Service; English Language |
| Personal Financial Advisors | 4,910 | 159 | 1,060 | 21.6% | \$88,691 | Bachelor's Degree | Customer & Personal Service; Sales & Marketing; Economics & Accounting |
| Construction & Transportation | | | | | | | |
| Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer | 75,880 | 2,271 | 9,130 | 12.0% | \$39,187 | Short-Term On-The-Job Training | Transportation; Public Safety & Security; English Language |
| Construction Laborers | 28,050 | 552 | 3,640 | 13.0% | \$38,480 | Moderate-Term On-The-Job Training | Building & Construction; Design; Mathematics |
| Heating, AC, & Refrigeration Mechanics/Installers | 11,430 | 458 | 2,740 | 24.0% | \$46,280 | Postsecondary Vocational Award | Mechanical; Customer & Personal Service; Mathematics |
| Cargo and Freight Agents | 2,160 | 101 | 510 | 23.6% | \$36,670 | Moderate-Term On-The-Job Training | Transportation; Customer & Personal Service; English Language |
| Community & Social Service | | | | | | | |
| Medical and Public Health Social Workers | 6,400 | 288 | 1,270 | 19.8% | \$45,510 | Bachelor's Degree | Psychology; Therapy & Counseling; Sociology & Anthropology |
| Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers | 4,990 | 212 | 870 | 17.4% | \$37,128 | Master's Degree | Therapy & Counseling; Psychology; Customer & Personal Service |
| Mental Health Counselors | 4,110 | 180 | 970 | 23.6% | \$43,659 | Master's Degree | Psychology; Therapy & Counseling; Customer & Personal Service |
| Education | | | | | | | |
| Self-Enrichment Education Teachers | 7,280 | 303 | 1,910 | 26.2% | \$42,453 | Work Experience in a Related Occupation | Education & Training; Customer & Personal Service; English Language |
| Instructional Coordinators | 6,380 | 244 | 1,040 | 16.3% | \$61,838 | Master's Degree | Education & Training; English Language; Psychology |
| Health Care | | | | | | | |
| Registered Nurses | 118,680 | 4,175 | 21,020 | 17.7% | \$59,738 | Associate Degree | Medicine & Dentistry; Customer & Personal Service; Psychology |
| Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses | 41,570 | 2,022 | 7,220 | 17.4% | \$39,915 | Postsecondary Vocational Award | Medicine & Dentistry; Customer & Personal Service; Psychology |
| Physicians & Surgeons | 27,990 | 974 | 4,800 | 17.1% | \$185,491 | First Professional Degree | Medicine & Dentistry; Biology; English Language |
| Dental Assistants | 9,970 | 438 | 2,510 | 25.2% | \$32,323 | Moderate-Term On-The-Job Training | Medicine & Dentistry; Customer & Personal Service; English Language |
| Pharmacists | 11,720 | 419 | 1,590 | 13.6% | \$102,357 | First Professional Degree | Chemistry; Medicine & Dentistry; English Language |
| Medical and Health Services Managers | 12,610 | 406 | 1,660 | 13.2% | \$83,117 | Bachelor's or Higher, plus Work Experience | Administration & Management; Customer & Personal Service; English Language |
| Dental Hygienists | 7,100 | 323 | 1,780 | 25.1% | \$62,026 | Associate Degree | Medicine & Dentistry; Customer & Personal Service; English Language |
| Physical Therapists | 7,650 | 271 | 1,790 | 23.4% | \$75,338 | Master's Degree | Medicine & Dentistry; Therapy & Counseling; Customer & Personal Service |
| Physical Therapist Assistants | 4,800 | 220 | 1,510 | 31.5% | \$51,189 | Associate Degree | Customer & Personal Service; Therapy & Counseling; Medicine & Dentistry |
| Respiratory Therapists | 5,310 | 182 | 850 | 16.0% | \$50,003 | Associate Degree | Customer & Personal Service; Medicine & Dentistry; Education & Training |
| Speech-Language Pathologists | 5,090 | 170 | 770 | 15.1% | \$77,230 | Master's Degree | English Language; Therapy & Counseling; Education & Training |
| Occupational Therapists | 4,270 | 164 | 860 | 20.1% | \$74,568 | Master's Degree | Therapy & Counseling; Psychology; Education & Training |
| Surgical Technologists | 3,440 | 158 | 710 | 20.6% | \$38,667 | Postsecondary Vocational Award | Medicine & Dentistry; Customer & Personal Service; English Language |
| Occupational Therapist Assistants | 2,430 | 108 | 730 | 30.0% | \$51,293 | Associate Degree | Psychology; Education & Training; English Language |
| Physician Assistants | 1,910 | 99 | 640 | 33.5% | \$83,886 | Master's Degree | Medicine & Dentistry; Biology; Psychology |
| Veterinarians | 2,070 | 92 | 560 | 27.1% | \$90,584 | First Professional Degree | Biology; Customer & Personal Service; Medicine & Dentistry |
| Athletic Trainers | 870 | 60 | 310 | 35.6% | \$42,860 | Bachelor's Degree | Medicine & Dentistry; Therapy & Counseling; Customer & Personal Service |
| Information Technology, Engineering & Science | | | | | | | |
| Computer Support Specialists | 22,090 | 899 | 2,870 | 13.0% | \$41,746 | Associate Degree | Computers & Electronics; Customer & Personal Service; English Language |
| Computer Software Engineers, Applications | 21,470 | 848 | 6,670 | 31.1% | \$81,474 | Bachelor's Degree | Computers & Electronics; Mathematics; English Language |
| Network Systems & Data Communication Analysts | 11,790 | 721 | 5,090 | 43.2% | \$71,510 | Bachelor's Degree | Computers & Electronics; Telecommunications; English Language |
| Computer Systems Analysts | 19,140 | 676 | 2,630 | 13.7% | \$77,834 | Bachelor's Degree | Computers & Electronics; English Language; Customer & Personal Service |
| Network and Computer Systems Administrators | 15,910 | 499 | 2,340 | 14.7% | \$62,317 | Bachelor's Degree | Computers & Electronics; English Language; Mathematics |
| Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software | 10,170 | 334 | 2,480 | 24.4% | \$83,138 | Bachelor's Degree | Computers & Electronics; Engineering & Technology; English Language |
| Computer and Information Systems Managers | 9,760 | 282 | 1,230 | 12.6% | \$111,821 | Bachelor's or Higher, plus Work Experience | Computers & Electronics; Administration & Management; Customer & Personal Service |
| Civil Engineers | 6,980 | 229 | 1,110 | 15.9% | \$73,070 | Bachelor's Degree | Engineering & Technology; Design; Building & Construction |
| Database Administrators | 4,040 | 138 | 710 | 17.6% | \$69,389 | Bachelor's Degree | Computers & Electronics; Customer & Personal Service; English Language |
| Medical Scientists, except Epidemiologists | 1,780 | 87 | 510 | 28.7% | \$68,619 | Doctoral Degree | Biology; English Language; Mathematics |
| Biomedical Engineers | 360 | 29 | 220 | 61.1% | \$79,206 | Bachelor's Degree | Biology; Mathematics; Engineering & Technology |

Selected jobs are based on growth factors in Ohio's 2008 to 2018 Occupational Projections. Included occupations were ranked in the top 200 projected new jobs and top 200 in percentage growth with average annual earnings of at least \$31,824 per year. Average annual earnings are from the May 2009 Occupational Employment Statistics survey in Ohio. Teacher earnings are typically for a 9½ month year. Listings in each group are ranked by total annual openings. Total annual openings are the sum of projected new job growth annually plus the estimated net replacement needs, generally due to retirements.