

FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS

Percent growth in employment, projected 2008-18

		Median Annual Wages, May 2008
Biomedical engineers	72%	\$77,400
Network systems & data communications analysts	53%	71,100
Home health aides	50%	20,460
Personal & home care aides	46%	19,180
Financial examiners	41%	70,930
Medical scientists, except epidemiologists	40%	72,590
Physician assistants	39%	81,230
Skin care specialists	38%	28,730
Biochemists & biophysicists	37%	82,840
Athletic trainers	37%	39,640
Physical therapist aides	36%	23,760
Dental hygienists	36%	66,570
Veterinary technologists & technicians	36%	28,900
Dental assistants	36%	32,380
Computer software engineers, applications	34%	85,430
Medical assistants	34%	28,300
Physical therapist assistants	33%	46,140
Veterinarians	33%	79,050
Self-enrichment education teachers	32%	35,720
Compliance officers, except agriculture, construction, health & safety, & transportation	31%	48,890

AVERAGE, all occupations = 10%

Many of the occupations projected to grow the fastest relate to healthcare and care of the elderly. Of all the projected fastest growing occupations, however, computer applications software engineers had the highest median annual wage in May 2008.

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