

Table 96. Healthcare employment and wages, by selected occupations: United States, selected years 2001–2013Updated data when available, Excel, PDF, and more data years: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/contents2014.htm#096>.

[Data are based on a semiannual mail survey of nonfarm establishments]

Occupation title	2001	2005	2012	2013	2001	2005	2012	2013
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations	Employment ¹				Mean hourly wage ²			
Audiologists	11,040	10,030	12,060	11,550	\$23.89	\$27.72	\$35.04	\$35.75
Cardiovascular technologists and technicians	40,990	43,560	50,530	51,010	17.55	19.99	25.51	25.95
Dental hygienists	149,880	161,140	190,290	192,330	27.30	29.15	33.99	34.39
Diagnostic medical sonographers	32,990	43,590	57,700	58,250	23.08	26.65	31.90	32.29
Dietetic technicians	28,940	23,780	24,660	26,420	11.23	12.20	13.79	13.74
Dietitians and nutritionists	43,200	48,850	58,240	59,530	19.74	22.09	27.00	27.07
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics	170,690	196,880	232,860	237,660	12.24	13.68	16.53	16.77
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	683,790	710,020	718,800	705,200	15.14	17.41	20.39	20.63
Magnetic resonance imaging technologists	---	---	29,560	32,000	---	---	31.45	31.71
Medical and clinical laboratory technicians	146,920	142,330	157,920	157,080	14.52	15.95	18.91	19.35
Medical and clinical laboratory technologists	145,400	155,250	160,700	162,630	20.70	23.37	28.19	28.59
Medical records and health information technicians	142,170	160,450	182,370	180,760	12.20	13.81	17.68	18.13
Nuclear medicine technologists	17,360	18,280	20,480	20,020	24.65	29.10	34.06	34.60
Nurse anesthetists	---	---	34,180	35,430	---	---	74.22	75.81
Nurse midwives	---	---	5,710	5,460	---	---	43.78	44.34
Nurse practitioners	---	---	105,780	113,370	---	---	43.97	45.71
Occupational therapists	77,080	87,430	105,540	108,410	25.10	28.41	36.73	37.45
Opticians, dispensing	63,120	70,090	64,930	68,390	13.49	14.80	16.83	17.17
Pharmacists	223,630	229,740	281,560	287,420	35.02	42.62	55.27	56.01
Pharmacy technicians	207,140	266,790	353,340	362,690	10.82	12.19	14.63	14.83
Physical therapists	126,450	151,280	191,460	195,670	28.43	31.42	38.99	39.51
Physician assistants	56,200	63,350	83,640	88,110	30.00	34.17	44.45	45.36
Psychiatric technicians	59,750	62,040	67,760	66,760	12.94	14.04	15.93	16.09
Radiation therapists	13,460	14,120	18,230	16,950	25.71	30.59	38.66	39.30
Radiologic technologists ³	168,240	184,580	194,790	194,000	18.68	22.60	27.14	27.29
Recreational therapists	26,830	23,260	19,180	18,640	14.92	16.90	21.29	21.88
Registered nurses ⁴	2,217,990	2,368,070	2,633,980	2,661,890	23.19	27.35	32.66	33.13
Respiratory therapists	82,930	95,320	116,960	118,640	19.17	22.24	27.50	27.83
Respiratory therapy technicians	28,700	22,060	13,460	12,070	16.93	18.57	22.84	23.01
Speech-language pathologists	83,110	94,660	121,690	125,050	24.20	27.89	34.97	35.56
Healthcare support occupations								
Dental assistants	267,840	270,720	300,160	309,540	13.29	14.41	16.86	17.13
Home health aides	560,190	663,280	839,930	806,710	8.90	9.34	10.49	10.60
Massage therapists	26,440	37,670	71,040	79,040	15.93	19.33	19.40	19.42
Medical assistants	345,930	382,720	553,140	571,690	11.71	12.58	14.69	14.80
Medical equipment preparers	33,540	41,790	50,230	51,300	11.29	12.42	15.51	16.02
Medical transcriptionists	94,090	90,380	74,810	68,350	12.99	14.36	16.66	16.95
Nursing assistants ⁵	1,307,600	1,391,430	1,420,020	1,427,830	9.54	10.67	12.32	12.51
Occupational therapy aides	7,560	6,220	7,950	8,710	11.70	13.20	14.36	13.90
Occupational therapy assistants	17,520	22,160	29,500	30,450	17.39	19.13	25.52	26.56
Pharmacy aides	58,130	46,610	42,600	42,250	9.22	9.76	11.28	11.78
Physical therapist aides	35,250	41,930	48,700	48,630	10.45	11.01	12.22	12.50
Physical therapist assistants	47,810	58,670	69,810	72,640	17.18	18.98	25.15	25.63
Psychiatric aides	59,640	56,150	77,880	75,340	11.42	11.47	12.83	12.98

¹Employment is the number of filled positions. This table includes both full-time and part-time wage and salary positions. Estimates do not include the self-employed, owners and partners in unincorporated firms, household workers, or unpaid family workers. Estimates were rounded to the nearest 10.²The mean hourly wage rate for an occupation is the total wages that all workers in the occupation earn in an hour, divided by the total number of employees in the occupation. More information is available from: http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_tec.htm.³2012 and 2013 data are not comparable to earlier data. Starting with 2012 data, the radiologic technologists and technicians occupation category was split into two occupations as part of the 2010 SOC revision: Radiologic technologists (29–2034) and Magnetic resonance imaging technologists (29–2035).⁴2012 and 2013 data are not comparable to earlier data. Starting with 2012 data, the registered nurses occupation category was split into four occupations as part of the 2010 SOC revision: Registered nurses (29–1141), plus three advanced practice nursing occupations: Nurse anesthetists (29–1151), Nurse midwives (29–1161), and Nurse practitioners (29–1171).⁵2012 and 2013 data are not comparable to earlier data. Starting with 2012 data, the nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants occupation category was split into two occupations as part of the 2010 SOC revision: Nursing assistants (31–1014) and Orderlies (31–1015).

NOTES: This table excludes occupations such as dentists, physicians, and chiropractors, which have a large percentage of workers who are self-employed. Challenges in using Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) data as a time series include changes in the occupational, industrial, and geographical classification systems, changes in the way data are collected, changes in the survey reference period, and changes in mean wage estimation methodology, as well as permanent features of the methodology. See Appendix I, Occupational Employment Statistics (OES).

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Occupational Employment Statistics. Available from: <http://www.bls.gov/oes/>. See Appendix I, Occupational Employment Statistics (OES).