

Table 87. Healthcare employment and wages, by selected occupations: United States, selected years 2000–2014Updated data when available, Excel, PDF, and more data years: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/contents2015.htm#087>.

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

Occupation title	2000	2010	2013	2014	2000	2010	2013	2014
Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations								
	Employment ¹				Mean hourly wage ²			
Audiologists	11,530	12,860	11,550	12,250	\$22.92	\$33.58	\$35.75	\$36.92
Cardiovascular technologists and technicians	40,080	48,720	51,010	51,080	16.81	24.38	25.95	26.54
Dental hygienists	148,460	177,520	192,330	196,520	24.99	33.02	34.39	34.60
Diagnostic medical sonographers	31,760	53,010	58,250	59,760	22.03	31.20	32.29	32.88
Dietetic technicians	28,010	23,890	26,420	28,690	10.98	13.86	13.74	13.75
Dietitians and nutritionists	43,030	53,510	59,530	59,490	18.76	26.13	27.07	27.62
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics	165,530	221,760	237,660	235,760	11.89	16.01	16.77	16.88
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	679,470	730,290	705,200	695,610	14.65	19.88	20.63	20.87
Magnetic resonance imaging technologists	---	---	32,000	33,130	---	---	31.71	32.36
Medical and clinical laboratory technicians	146,060	156,480	157,080	160,460	13.93	18.36	19.35	19.59
Medical and clinical laboratory technologists	144,530	164,430	162,630	161,710	19.84	27.34	28.59	29.12
Medical records and health information technicians	143,870	176,090	180,760	184,740	11.74	16.83	18.13	18.68
Nuclear medicine technologists	18,030	21,600	20,020	20,320	21.56	33.20	34.60	35.21
Nurse anesthetists	---	---	35,430	36,590	---	---	75.81	76.40
Nurse midwives	---	---	5,460	5,110	---	---	44.34	46.97
Nurse practitioners	---	---	113,370	122,050	---	---	45.71	47.11
Occupational therapists	75,150	100,300	108,410	110,520	24.10	35.28	37.45	38.46
Opticians, dispensing	66,580	62,200	68,390	73,110	12.67	16.73	17.17	17.43
Pharmacists	212,660	268,030	287,420	290,780	33.39	52.59	56.01	56.96
Pharmacy technicians	190,940	333,500	362,690	368,760	10.38	14.10	14.83	14.95
Physical therapists	120,410	180,280	195,670	200,670	27.62	37.50	39.51	40.35
Physician assistants	55,490	81,420	88,110	91,670	29.17	41.89	45.36	46.77
Psychiatric technicians	53,350	72,650	66,760	64,540	12.53	15.15	16.09	16.91
Radiation therapists	13,100	16,590	16,950	16,380	25.59	37.64	39.30	40.25
Radiologic technologists ³	172,080	216,730	194,000	193,400	17.93	26.80	27.29	27.65
Recreational therapists	26,940	20,830	18,640	17,950	14.23	19.92	21.88	22.14
Registered nurses ⁴	2,189,670	2,655,020	2,661,890	2,687,310	22.31	32.56	33.13	33.55
Respiratory therapists	82,670	109,270	118,640	119,410	18.37	26.54	27.83	28.12
Respiratory therapy technicians	28,230	13,570	12,070	10,610	16.46	22.28	23.01	23.46
Speech-language pathologists	82,850	112,530	125,050	126,500	23.31	33.60	35.56	36.01
Healthcare support occupations								
Dental assistants	250,870	294,030	309,540	314,330	12.86	16.41	17.13	17.43
Home health aides	561,120	982,840	806,710	799,080	8.71	10.46	10.60	10.77
Massage therapists	24,620	60,040	79,040	87,670	15.51	19.12	19.42	20.09
Medical assistants	330,830	523,260	571,690	584,970	11.46	14.31	14.80	15.01
Medical equipment preparers	32,760	47,310	51,300	50,550	10.68	14.59	16.02	16.28
Medical transcriptionists	97,330	78,780	68,350	61,210	12.37	16.12	16.95	17.11
Nursing assistants ⁵	1,273,460	1,451,090	1,427,830	1,427,740	9.18	12.09	12.51	12.62
Occupational therapy aides	8,890	7,180	8,710	8,570	11.21	14.95	13.90	13.96
Occupational therapy assistants	15,910	27,720	30,450	32,230	16.76	24.66	26.56	27.53
Pharmacy aides	59,890	49,580	42,250	41,240	9.10	10.98	11.78	12.28
Physical therapist aides	34,620	45,900	48,630	48,730	10.06	12.02	12.50	12.82
Physical therapist assistants	44,120	65,960	72,640	76,910	16.52	23.95	25.63	26.12
Psychiatric aides	57,680	64,730	75,340	72,860	10.79	12.84	12.98	13.67

--- Data not available.

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.³2012–2014 data are not comparable with earlier data. Starting with 2012 data, the radiologic technologists and technicians occupation category was split into two occupations as part of the 2010 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) revision: Radiologic technologists (29–2034) and Magnetic resonance imaging technologists (29–2035).⁴2012–2014 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).⁵2012–2014 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/current/oes_nat.htm#29-0000. See Appendix I, Occupational Employment Statistics (OES).