

Table HCEmpl. Health care employment and wages, by selected occupations: United States, selected years 2000–2020

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Occupation title	Employment ¹				Mean hourly wage (dollars) ²			
	2000	2009	2016	2020	2000	2009	2016	2020
Health care practitioners and technical occupations								
Audiologists.....	11,530	12,590	12,310	13,300	22.92	32.14	38.12	42.90
Cardiovascular technologists and technicians.....	40,080	48,070	53,760	55,980	16.81	23.91	27.45	29.30
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians.....	...	...	326,920	326,220	...	...	25.13	26.92
Dental hygienists.....	148,460	173,900	204,990	194,830	24.99	32.63	35.31	37.53
Diagnostic medical sonographers.....	31,760	51,630	65,790	73,920	22.03	30.60	34.49	37.40
Dietetic technicians.....	28,010	24,510	32,240	26,430	10.98	13.72	14.12	15.83
Dietitians and nutritionists.....	43,030	53,220	61,430	66,330	18.76	25.59	28.69	30.84
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics.....	165,530	217,920	244,960	257,700	11.89	15.88	17.36	19.41
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses.....	679,470	728,670	702,400	676,440	14.65	19.66	21.56	24.08
Magnetic resonance imaging technologists ³.....	...	...	35,850	39,270	...	...	33.29	36.52
Medical dosimetrists, medical records specialists, and health technologists and technicians, all other.....	...	...	...	318,010	...	...	...	23.21
Nuclear medicine technologists.....	18,030	21,670	19,650	17,510	21.56	32.91	36.52	39.46
Nurse anesthetists ⁴.....	...	...	39,860	41,960	...	...	78.86	90.96
Nurse midwives ⁴.....	...	...	6,270	7,120	...	...	49.23	55.55
Nurse practitioners ⁴.....	...	...	150,230	211,280	...	...	50.30	55.05
Occupational therapists.....	75,150	97,840	118,070	126,610	24.10	33.98	40.25	42.06
Opticians, dispensing.....	66,580	60,840	75,270	68,180	12.67	16.73	18.20	19.89
Pharmacists.....	212,660	267,860	305,510	315,470	33.39	51.27	57.82	60.32
Pharmacy technicians.....	190,940	331,890	398,390	415,310	10.38	13.92	15.47	17.52
Physical therapists.....	120,410	174,490	216,920	220,870	27.62	36.64	41.93	44.08
Physician assistants.....	55,490	76,900	104,050	125,280	29.17	40.78	49.08	55.81
Psychiatric technicians.....	53,350	70,730	61,720	85,330	12.53	14.77	17.25	18.31
Radiation therapists.....	13,100	15,570	17,450	17,390	25.59	37.18	40.86	45.34
Radiologic technologists and technicians ³	172,080	213,560	200,650	206,720	17.93	26.05	28.49	31.17
Recreational therapists.....	26,940	21,960	18,100	20,080	14.23	19.84	23.17	24.64
Registered nurses ⁴	2,189,670	2,583,770	2,857,180	2,986,500	22.31	31.99	34.70	38.47
Respiratory therapists.....	82,670	107,270	126,770	131,890	18.37	26.06	29.15	31.56
Speech-language pathologists.....	82,850	111,640	135,980	148,450	23.31	32.86	37.60	40.02
Health care support occupations								
Dental assistants.....	250,870	294,020	327,290	312,140	12.86	16.35	18.22	20.34
Home health and personal care aides.....	...	...	...	3,211,590	...	...	...	13.49
Massage therapists.....	24,620	55,920	95,830	85,040	15.51	19.13	21.39	22.77
Medical assistants.....	330,830	495,970	623,560	710,200	11.46	14.16	15.79	17.75
Medical equipment preparers.....	32,760	47,070	52,500	56,870	10.68	14.32	17.29	19.75
Medical transcriptionists.....	97,330	82,810	54,070	49,530	12.37	16.03	17.86	17.94
Nursing assistants ⁵	1,273,460	1,438,010	1,443,150	1,371,050	9.18	12.01	13.29	15.41
Occupational therapy aides.....	8,890	8,040	7,210	5,630	11.21	13.89	15.31	16.42
Occupational therapy assistants.....	15,910	26,680	38,170	42,750	16.76	24.44	28.62	30.49
Orderlies ⁵.....	...	...	52,940	43,570	...	...	13.73	15.28
Pharmacy aides.....	59,890	52,230	36,660	38,900	9.10	10.74	13.66	15.50
Physical therapist aides.....	34,620	44,160	50,030	45,790	10.06	12.01	13.41	14.47
Physical therapist assistants.....	44,120	63,750	85,580	92,740	16.52	23.36	27.33	28.58
Psychiatric aides.....	57,680	62,610	67,410	51,550	10.79	13.19	13.83	16.01

See footnotes at end of table.

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... Category not applicable.

¹Number of filled positions. This table includes both full- 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 are rounded to the nearest 10.

²Mean 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. For more information, see: https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_tec.htm.

³Starting with 2012 data, the Radiologic technologists and technicians occupation category (29-2037) 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). As a result, data before 2012 included radiologic technologists as well as magnetic resonance imaging technologists and are not comparable with data from 2012 and beyond.

⁴Starting with 2012 data, the Registered nurses occupation category (29-1111) 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). As a result, data before 2012 included registered nurses as well as nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, and nurse practitioners and are not comparable with data from 2012 and beyond.

⁵Starting with 2012 data, the Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants occupation category (31-1012) was split into two occupations as part of the 2010 SOC revision: Nursing assistants (31-1014) and Orderlies (31-1015). As a result, data before 2012 included nursing assistants as well as orderlies and are not comparable with data from 2012 and beyond.

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 and Wage Statistics 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. Data for 2000–2009 were collected using the 2000 SOC system. Data for 2010 (see spreadsheet version) were collected using a hybrid structure of the 2000 and 2010 SOC systems. Data for 2015–2016 (see spreadsheet version) were collected using the 2010 SOC system. Data for 2020 were collected using the 2018 SOC system. See Sources and Definitions, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS). Data for additional years are available. See the Excel spreadsheet on the *Health, United States* website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/index.htm>.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics. Available from: <https://www.bls.gov/oes/tables.htm>. See Sources and Definitions, Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS).