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# Career Opportunities



for Maine students

**Median Hourly Wage**      **Ave. Annual Wage**      • Education required or strongly recommended for top 100: D = Doctorate or Professional degree (beyond grade 18), M = Master's Degree (to grade 17 or 18), B = Bachelor's (to grade 16).

Career	Median Hourly Wage	Ave. Annual Wage	Education	Career	Median Hourly Wage	Ave. Annual Wage	Education	Career	Median Hourly Wage	Ave. Annual Wage	Education
1. Anesthesiologists	\$90.00+	\$235,070	D	116. Television, Motion Picture Camera Operators	\$23.20	\$62,120		231. Animal Control Workers	\$15.40	\$33,870	
2. Surgeons	\$90.00+	\$233,150	D	117. Law Enforcement Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	\$61,850		232. Umpires, Referees, and Other Sports Officials	NA	\$33,020	
3. Obstetricians and Gynecologists	\$90.00+	\$212,570	D	118. Anthropologists and Archeologists	\$28.06	\$61,420		233. Cabinetmakers and Bench Carpenters	\$14.96	\$32,960	
4. Orthodontists	\$90.00+	\$196,270	D	119. Historians	\$26.53	\$60,010		234. Outdoor Power Equipment, Small Engine Mechanics	\$14.68	\$32,180	
5. Physicians and Surgeons	\$90.00+	\$191,880	D	120. Surveyors	\$27.21	\$59,570		235. Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$14.66	\$31,780	
6. Family and General Practitioners	\$84.87	\$183,940	D	121. Special Education Teachers, Middle School	NA	\$59,540		236. Bus Drivers	\$14.27	\$31,640	
7. Psychiatrists	\$86.03	\$182,660	D	122. Foresters	\$27.46	\$59,000		237. Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$13.26	\$31,420	
8. Chief Executives	\$82.50	\$178,400	M	123. Entertainers and Performers, and Related Workers	\$18.97	\$58,750		238. Animal Trainers	\$12.17	\$31,030	
9. Pediatricians, General	\$75.78	\$170,530	D	124. Police Officers	\$26.99	\$58,720		239. Recreation and Fitness Workers	\$11.95	\$30,800	
10. Dentists	\$72.74	\$168,870	D	125. Secondary School Teachers	NA	\$58,170		240. Woodworkers	\$13.76	\$30,340	
11. Petroleum Engineers	\$63.62	\$149,180	M	126. Railroad Conductors and Yardmasters	\$26.95	\$58,030		241. Butchers and Meat Cutters	\$13.63	\$29,950	
12. Podiatrists	\$56.83	\$135,070	D	127. Librarians	\$26.78	\$57,550		242. Substitute Teachers	\$12.42	\$29,350	
13. Marketing Managers	\$59.24	\$133,700	M	128. Special Education Teachers, Elementary School	NA	\$56,690		243. Forest and Conservation Workers	\$12.39	\$28,860	
14. Lawyers	\$54.95	\$131,990	D	129. Middle School Teachers	NA	\$56,630		244. Models, Demonstrators, and Product Promoters	\$11.64	\$28,800	
15. Law Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	\$122,280	D	130. Sound Engineering Technicians	\$22.35	\$56,610		245. Tailors, Dressmakers, and Sewers	\$11.97	\$28,390	
16. Air Traffic Controllers	\$58.31	\$118,650	B	131. Elementary and Middle School Teachers	NA	\$56,420		246. Agricultural Equipment Operators	\$12.58	\$27,740	
17. Physicists	\$52.94	\$117,040	D	132. Elementary School Teachers	NA	\$56,320		247. Barbers, Hairdressers, and Cosmetologists	\$11.16	\$27,500	
18. Pharmacists	\$57.35	\$116,500	D	133. Dietitians and Nutritionists	\$26.88	\$56,300		248. Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	\$11.12	\$27,500	
19. Aircraft Pilots and Flight Engineers	NA	\$113,090	B	134. Educational, Guidance, School, Vocational Counselors	\$25.77	\$56,160		249. Personal Appearance Workers	\$10.80	\$27,000	
20. Optometrists	\$48.70	\$111,640	D	135. Special Education Teachers, Preschool	NA	\$55,990		250. Grounds Maintenance Workers	\$11.73	\$26,930	
21. Human Resources Managers	\$48.46	\$111,180	M	136. Fire Inspectors	\$25.57	\$55,820		251. Shoe and Leather Workers and Repairers	\$12.03	\$26,730	
22. Astronomers	\$53.10	\$110,440	D	137. Musicians and Singers	\$23.74	\$55,810		252. Tellers	\$12.21	\$26,260	
23. Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists and Geographers	\$44.19	\$108,420	D	138. Lodging Managers	\$22.51	\$55,660		253. Nursing Assistants	\$11.97	\$26,020	
24. Training and Development Managers	\$47.50	\$107,770	M	139. Locomotive Engineers	\$25.63	\$55,660		254. Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	\$11.04	\$26,010	
25. Actuaries	\$45.35	\$107,740	M	140. Law Enforcement Workers	\$24.34	\$54,990		255. Shoe and Leather Workers	\$11.68	\$26,000	
26. Computer Hardware Engineers	\$50.12	\$106,930	B	141. Commercial Divers	\$23.04	\$54,880		256. Teacher Assistants	NA	\$25,570	
27. Nuclear Engineers	\$48.85	\$106,860	M	142. Music Directors and Composers	\$23.24	\$54,560		257. Retail Salespersons	\$10.16	\$25,370	
28. Aerospace Engineers	\$49.94	\$105,450	M	143. Interior Designers	\$23.32	\$54,200		258. Janitors and Cleaners	\$10.86	\$25,140	
29. Judges, Magistrate Judges, and Magistrates	\$56.80	\$105,380	D	144. Private Detectives and Investigators	\$22.24	\$53,890		259. Bakers	\$11.13	\$25,120	
30. Chemical Engineers	\$46.02	\$104,340	M	145. Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$24.13	\$53,820		260. Veterinary Assistants, Laboratory Animal Caretakers	\$11.32	\$25,110	
31. Mathematicians	\$49.25	\$103,310	D	146. Health Educators	\$23.66	\$53,800		261. Ambulance Drivers and Attendants, Except EMT	\$11.35	\$24,920	
32. Economists	\$44.75	\$101,450	M	147. Drafters	\$24.43	\$53,640		262. Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, Aquacultural Animals	\$10.89	\$24,760	
33. Political Scientists	\$48.52	\$100,900	M	148. Electricians	\$24.28	\$53,560		263. Sewers, Hand	\$11.35	\$24,720	
34. Education Administrators, Postsecondary	\$42.02	\$100,600	D	149. Wind Turbine Service Technicians	\$23.79	\$53,050		264. Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	\$9.32	\$24,330	
35. Personal Financial Advisors	\$36.21	\$99,920	B	150. Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	NA	\$52,840		265. Building Cleaning Workers	\$10.44	\$24,260	
36. Engineering and Architecture Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	\$98,930	D	151. Morticians, Undertakers, and Funeral Directors	\$22.64	\$51,720		266. Cooks, Restaurant	\$10.65	\$23,440	
37. Mining and Geological Engineers	\$41.76	\$96,950	D	152. Marriage and Family Therapists	\$23.15	\$51,690		267. Sewing Machine Operators	\$10.33	\$23,400	
38. Agents of Artists, Performers, and Athletes	\$31.01	\$96,410	B	153. Crane and Tower Operators	\$23.38	\$51,620		268. Animal Care and Service Workers	\$9.71	\$23,060	
39. Software Developers, Applications	\$44.55	\$96,260	B	154. Education, Training, and Library Occupations	\$22.19	\$51,500		269. Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	\$9.51	\$22,130	
40. Veterinarians	\$41.66	\$96,140	D	155. Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$23.46	\$51,250		270. Agricultural Workers	\$9.16	\$22,080	
41. Nurse Practitioners	\$44.55	\$95,070	M	156. Art and Design Workers	\$20.72	\$51,240		271. Manicurists and Pedicurists	\$9.30	\$21,790	
42. Physician Assistants	\$44.70	\$94,350	M	157. Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$22.67	\$51,170		272. Childcare Workers	\$9.42	\$21,490	
43. Marine Engineers and Naval Architects	\$43.05	\$94,040	M	158. Fine Artists, Painters, Sculptors, and Illustrators	\$20.48	\$50,900		273. Lifeguards, Ski Patrol	\$9.16	\$20,890	
44. Biomedical Engineers	\$42.63	\$93,960	M	159. Postal Service Mail Carriers	\$27.16	\$50,890		274. Waiters and Waitresses	\$8.94	\$20,880	
45. Electrical Engineers	\$42.88	\$93,380	M	160. Archivists, Curators, and Museum Technicians	\$22.10	\$50,770		275. Cashiers	\$9.12	\$20,420	
46. Software Developers and Programmers	\$42.88	\$92,820	B	161. Fish and Game Wardens	\$23.44	\$50,470		276. Amusement and Recreation Attendants	\$9.05	\$20,310	
47. Construction Managers	\$40.58	\$92,700	B	162. Explosives Workers and Blasters	\$23.69	\$50,310		277. Hosts and Hostesses, Restaurant, and Coffee Shop	\$8.96	\$19,670	
48. Nurse Midwives	\$44.37	\$92,230	B	163. Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians	\$23.43	\$50,020		278. Dishwashers	\$8.95	\$19,180	
49. Biochemists and Biophysicists	\$40.54	\$91,640	D	164. Choreographers	\$21.22	\$49,930		279. Cooks, Fast Food	\$8.88	\$18,870	
50. Financial Analysts and Advisors	\$35.86	\$90,730	B	165. Graphic Designers	\$21.55	\$49,610					
51. Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary	NA	\$90,670	M	166. Brickmasons, Blockmasons, and Stonemasons	\$21.67	\$49,090					
52. Producers and Directors	\$33.40	\$90,240	B	167. Actors	\$22.15	\$48,790					
53. Medical Scientists	\$37.90	\$89,390	D	168. Exercise Physiologists	\$22.12	\$48,790					
54. Business Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	\$89,100	M	169. News Analysts, Reporters and Correspondents	\$17.71	\$48,380					
55. Actors, Producers, and Directors	\$30.48	\$89,020	B	170. Social Workers	\$21.66	\$48,370					
56. Atmospheric and Space Scientists	\$41.84	\$88,140	D	171. Firefighters	\$21.92	\$48,270					
57. Physical Sciences Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	\$87,330	D	172. Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	\$22.53	\$47,830					
58. Biological Science Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	\$87,060	D	173. Counselors	\$21.29	\$47,820					
59. Life Sciences Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	\$86,860	D	174. Clergy	\$21.06	\$47,540					
60. Mechanical Engineers	\$39.47	\$85,930	M	175. Chefs and Head Cooks	\$20.43	\$46,620					
61. Civil Engineers	\$38.83	\$85,640	M	176. Construction Equipment Operators	\$20.16	\$46,410					
62. Environmental Engineers	\$39.53	\$85,520	M	177. Designers	\$19.19	\$46,250					
63. Industrial Engineers	\$38.61	\$83,390	M	178. Heating, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration Mechanics	\$21.10	\$46,110					
64. Statisticians	\$38.12	\$83,310	B	179. Heavy Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Mechanics	\$21.55	\$45,710					
65. Forestry Science Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	\$82,620	D	180. Carpenters	\$19.47	\$44,980					
66. Real Estate Brokers	\$28.65	\$82,380	B	181. Athletic Trainers	NA	\$44,720					
67. Physical Therapists	\$38.96	\$82,180	D	182. Counselors, Social Worker	\$19.62	\$44,690					
68. Environmental Scientists and Geoscientists	\$34.03	\$81,360	B	183. Dancers and Choreographers	\$16.90	\$44,540					
69. Computer Programmers	\$36.60	\$80,930	B	184. Reporters and Correspondents	\$17.11	\$44,360					
70. Commercial Pilots	NA	\$80,800	B	185. Bus, Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$20.54	\$44,120					
71. Funeral Service Managers	\$22.89	\$80,250	D	186. Flight Attendants	NA	\$43,860					
72. Architects, Except Landscape and Naval	\$35.63	\$80,250	D	187. Tax Preparers	\$16.98	\$43,350					
73. Hydrologists	\$36.40	\$79,260	D	188. Radio and Television Announcers	\$13.95	\$41,900					
74. Detectives and Criminal Investigators	\$36.89	\$79,030	B	189. Broadcast Technicians	\$17.65	\$41,630					
75. Agricultural Engineers	\$35.79	\$78,880	M	190. Announcers	\$13.61	\$41,190					
76. Chiropractors	\$31.40	\$78,410	D	191. Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	\$18.57	\$41,090					
77. Sociologists	\$34.82	\$78,120	M	192. Machinists	\$19.03	\$41,020					
78. Occupational Therapists	\$36.99	\$77,890	D	193. Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$18.61	\$40,940					
79. Chemists	\$34.79	\$77,740	D	194. Sailors and Marine Oilers	\$18.73	\$40,690					
80. Biological Scientists	\$34.04	\$77,630	D	195. Forest Fire Inspectors and Prevention Specialists	\$16.16	\$40,640					
81. Math and Computer Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	\$76,910	D	196. Fallers	\$16.60	\$40,550					
82. Ship Engineers	\$33.49	\$75,650	B	197. Computer Operators	\$18.69	\$40,040					
83. Captains, Mates, and Pilots of Water Vessels	\$33.62	\$75,580	B	198. Jewelers and Precious Stone and Metal Workers	\$17.08	\$40,010					
84. Artists and Related Workers	\$31.17	\$75,270	B	199. Automotive Technicians and Repairers	\$17.78	\$39,880					
85. Microbiologists	\$32.61	\$75,230	D	200. Dental Laboratory Technicians	\$17.52	\$39,780					
86. Geographers	\$35.94	\$75,070	D	201. Legislators	NA	\$39,320					
87. Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	\$29.38	\$74,740	M	202. Athletes, Coaches, Umpires, and Related Workers	NA	\$39,310					
88. Audiologists	\$34.22	\$74,360	D	203. Painters, Construction and Maintenance	\$17.01	\$39,290					
89. Psychologists	\$33.42	\$74,310	D	204. Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$17.66	\$39,110					
90. Speech-Language Pathologists	\$34.04	\$73,970	D	205. Roofers	\$17.08	\$38,790					
91. Fashion Designers	\$30.65	\$73,570	M	206. Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Workers	\$17.51	\$38,700					
92. Epidemiologists	\$31.89	\$73,040	D	207. Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	\$17.15	\$38,250					
93. Therapists	\$34.21	\$72,970	M	208. Preschool and Kindergarten Teachers	\$16.06	\$38,040					
94. Animal Scientists	\$30.89	\$72,930	D	209. Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	\$15.88	\$37,790					
95. Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	\$32.58	\$72,710	M	210. Coaches and Scouts	NA	\$37,610					
96. Accountants and Auditors	\$31.29	\$72,500	B	211. Motorboat Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$17.35	\$37,430					
97. Multimedia Artists and Animators	\$30.99	\$72,400	B	212. Electronic Home Entertainment Equipment Installers	\$17.15	\$37,310					
98. Athletes and Sports Competitors	NA	\$71,850	B	213. Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	\$17.18	\$37,250					
99. Loan Officers	\$29.53	\$71,800	B	214. Photographers	\$14.08	\$37,190					
100. Dental Hygienists	\$34.19	\$71,530	A	215. Highway Maintenance Workers	\$17.25	\$36,980					
101. Film and Video Editors	\$26.20	\$69,490	B	216. Driver/Sales Workers and Truck Drivers	\$16.72	\$36,970					
102. Writers and Authors	\$27.77	\$69,250	B	217. Fishers and Related Fishing Workers	\$16.96	\$36,840					
103. Registered Nurses	\$31.84	\$68,910	B	218. Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$17.05	\$36,390					
104. Landscape Architects	\$31.15	\$68,570	M	219. Fishing and Hunting Workers	\$16.75	\$36,250					
105. Urban and Regional Planners	\$31.56	\$67,920	B	220. Medical, Dental, Ophthalmic Laboratory Technicians	\$16.01	\$36,120					
106. Web Developers	\$30.37	\$67,540	B	221. Motorboat Operators	\$15.17	\$35,880					
107. Makeup Artists, Theatrical and Performance	\$22.70	\$66,330	B	222. Logging Workers	\$16.38	\$35,600					
108. Education and Library Science Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	\$66,150	D	223. Motorcycle Mechanics	\$16.15	\$35,400					
109. Education Teachers, Postsecondary	NA	\$65,630	D	224. Construction Laborers	\$14.64	\$35,020					
110. Food Scientists and Technologists	\$28.67	\$65,340	D	225. Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	\$15.04	\$34,870					
111. Agricultural and Food Scientists	\$28.63	\$64,830	D	226. Logging Equipment Operators	\$16.39	\$34,700					