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Registered Nurses ♦	4,238	\$22.53	\$36.01	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Critical Thinking	Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records.
Elementary School Teachers, except Special Ed. Vocational Ed.	3,305	N/A	N/A	Instruction, Speaking, Learning Strategies	Teach pupils in public or private schools at the elementary level basic academic, social, and other formative skills.
Secondary School Teachers, except Special and Vocational Ed.	2,236	N/A	N/A	Instruction, Speaking, Learning Strategies	Instruct students in secondary public or private schools in one or more subjects, such as English, mathematics, or social studies.
Accountants & Auditors	1,975	\$20.64	\$39.57	Mathematics, Active Learning, Critical Thinking	Examine, analyze, and interpret accounting records for the purpose of giving advice or preparing statements.
Middle School Teachers, except Special and Vocational Ed.	1,262	N/A	N/A	Instruction, Speaking, Learning Strategies	Teach students in public or private schools in one or more subjects at the middle, intermediate, or junior high level.
Securities, Commodities & Financial Services Sales Agents	810	\$17.63	\$54.69	Financial Resources	Buy and sell securities in investment and trading firms, or call upon businesses and individuals to sell financial services.
Market Research Analysts	803	\$15.89	\$37.03	Mathematics, Critical Thinking, Writing	Research market conditions in local, regional, or national areas to determine potential sales of a product or service.
Computer Software Engineers, Systems ♦	638	\$27.20	\$52.73	Complex Problem Solving, Technology Design, Troubleshooting	Research, design, develop, and test operating systems-level software, compilers, and network distribution software.
Computer Systems Analysts ♦	615	\$26.94	\$46.04	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Complex Problem Solving	Analyze science, engineering, business, and all other data processing problems for application to electronic data processing systems.
Insurance Sales Agents	609	\$12.78	\$38.36	Active Listening, Speaking, Time Management	Sell life, property, casualty, health, automotive, or other types of insurance.
Computer Software Engineers, Applications ♦	574	\$27.85	\$50.25	Programming, Critical Thinking, Complex Problem Solving	Develop, create, and modify general computer applications software.

4 Years of College (Bachelor's Degree)

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General & Operations Managers	1,704	\$28.15	\$70.17	Active Listening, Mgt of Personnel Resources, Time Management	Plan, direct, or coordinate the operations of companies or public and private sector organizations.
Lawyers	1,132	\$33.15	\$84.40	Reading Comprehension, Judgment/Decision Making, Writing	Represent clients in legal proceedings, draw up legal documents, and manage or advise clients on legal transactions.
Management Analysts	1,077	\$22.15	\$53.70	Writing, Reading Comprehension, Speaking	Conduct organizational studies and evaluations, conduct measurement studies, and prepare operations and procedures manuals.
Sales Managers	665	\$25.09	\$65.08	Active Listening, Speaking, Mathematics	Direct the actual distribution or movement of a product or service to the customer and coordinate sales.
Financial Managers	559	\$30.73	\$68.70	Mgt of Financial Resources, Judgment/Decision Making, Critical Thinking	Represent clients in legal proceedings, draw up legal documents, and manage or advise clients on legal transactions.
Education Administrators, Elementary & Secondary	450	N/A	N/A	Coordination, Speaking, Reading Comprehension	Plan, direct, or coordinate the academic, clerical, or auxiliary activities of public or private elementary or secondary level schools.
Clergy	449	\$11.11	\$24.29	Speaking, Active Listening, Service Orientation	Conduct religious worship and perform other spiritual functions associated with beliefs and practices of religious faith or denomination.
Administrative Services Managers	447	\$16.26	\$38.94	Social Perceptiveness, Time Management, Reading Comprehension	Plan, direct, or coordinate supportive services of an organization, such as recordkeeping, mail distribution, telephone operator/receptionist.
Computer & Information Systems Managers ♦	344	\$34.71	\$66.96	Reading Comprehension, Critical Thinking, Active Listening	Plan, direct, or coordinate activities in such fields as data processing, information systems, and computer programming.
Pharmacists ♦	342	\$39.81	\$55.62	Active Listening, Speaking, Reading Comprehension	Dispense drugs prescribed by physicians and other health practitioners and provide information to patients about medications.
Educational, Vocational & School Counselors	329	\$15.05	\$38.08	Speaking, Active Listening, Service Orientation	Counsel individuals and provide group educational and vocational guidance services.
Medical & Health Services Managers	311	\$25.02	\$50.09	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Critical Thinking	Plan, direct, or coordinate medicine and health services in hospitals, clinics, managed care organizations, public health agencies, or similar organizations.
Physical Therapists ♦	306	\$27.09	\$45.75	Active Listening, Instruction, Time Management	Assess, plan, and participate in rehabilitative programs that relieve pain, and increase strength and mobility of patients suffering from disease or injury.

Work Experience + 4 Years of College (Bachelor's Degree) or More

These tables list occupations expected to have the most job openings each year. "Best Bet" occupations (indicated below by a ♦) combine a high growth rate with a large number of annual openings and pay well for the level of training or education. For a complete listing of occupations, wages and skills information, visit LMI Source at <http://lmi.ides.state.il.us>.

Illinois Occupations with the Most Openings Each Year

Plan for Your Future

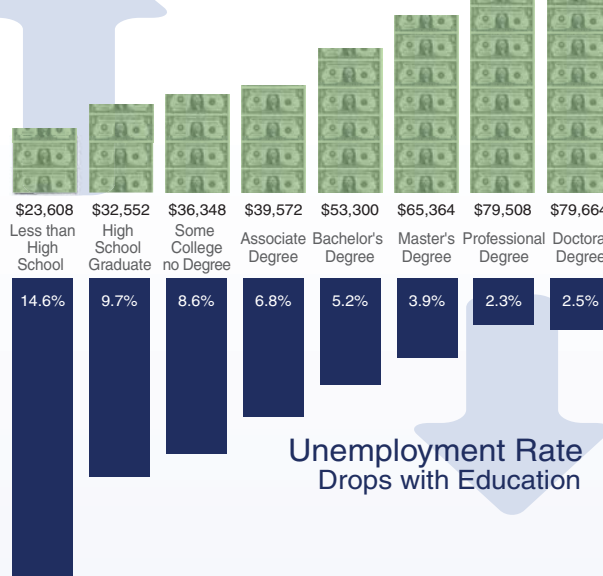
Workforce and career information help jobseekers, students, parents, counselors, educators, and business leaders to make informed career and education decisions. Most jobs in Illinois require at least a high school diploma or equivalent. Employers also stress that "soft skills," such as positive attitude and reliability, are as important as technical and computer skills when they look for job candidates.

The economic impacts of high school dropouts are astounding. Research shows that:

- High school dropouts account for half of the households on welfare and over 60% of the population incarcerated in state and federal prisons.
- Persons without a high school education or equivalent are twice as likely to be unemployed and earn over \$8,700 less per year than high school graduates.

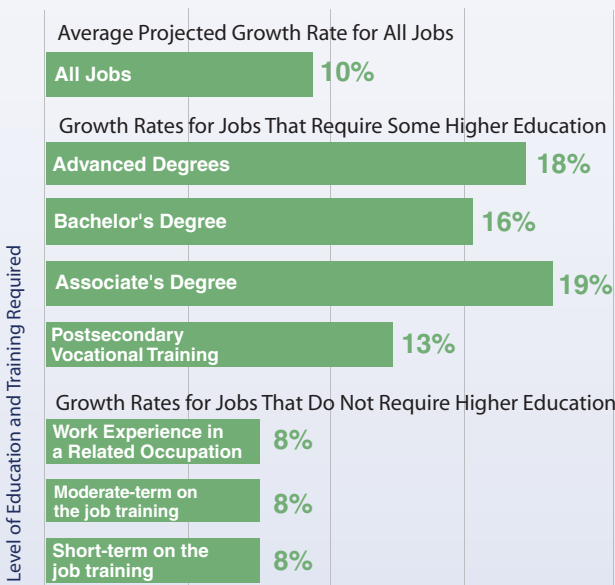
Use the information in this brochure to explore the facts on employment opportunities that you can use to plan for your future. Visit the Illinois Career Information System (CIS) at <http://ilcis.intocareers.org> for even more information. Workforce and career information will enable you to make informed career, education and training decisions.

Average Annual Income Rises with Education



Unemployment Rate Drops with Education

Jobs That Require Higher Education Are Growing Faster Than Those That Require Less Education



Where can I find more information?

The Illinois Department of Employment Security offers a wealth of information concerning the Illinois labor market. Visit www.ILWorkInfo.com to find out more about:

Career Planning: Illinois Career Resource Network
 1-877-513-1987
des.icrn@illinois.gov

Labor Market Information: LMI Source
 1-866-ONE-SRCE (1-866-663-7723)
des.lmi@illinois.gov

Workforce Information: Workforce Info Center
des.workinfo@illinois.gov

For assistance with employment and training issues, contact your local Illinois workNet Center. Call 1-888-367-4382 to find the location nearest you.

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has more information to help find the best career for you

2 Years of College (Associate's Degree)					
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		Entry	Experienced		
Registered Nurses ♦	4,238	\$22.53	\$36.01	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Critical Thinking	Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records.
Computer Support Specialists	715	\$15.47	\$29.44	Troubleshooting, Reading Comprehension, Critical Thinking	Answer questions concerning hardware and software, printing, installation, e-mail, or resolve computer problems for clients.
Dental Hygienists	368	\$21.13	\$35.80	Active Listening, Speaking, Reading Comprehension	Clean teeth and examine oral areas, head, and neck for signs of oral disease.
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	327	\$17.70	\$29.79	Reading Comprehension, Time Management, Active Listening	Assist lawyers by researching legal precedent, investigating facts, or preparing legal documents.
Medical Records & Health Info. Technicians	273	\$11.02	\$19.02	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Time Management	Maintain medical records of hospital and clinic patients in a manner consistent with the regulatory requirements of the health care system.
Medical & Clinical Lab Technicians	208	\$13.14	\$22.87	Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Speaking	Perform routine medical laboratory tests for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease.
Radiologic Technologists/Technicians	201	\$19.17	\$31.86	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking	Take X-rays, CAT scans, magnetic resonance images, and administer nonradioactive materials into patient's blood stream for diagnostic purposes.
Respiratory Therapists ♦	180	\$20.32	\$28.64	Active Listening, Instructing, Reading Comprehension	Assess, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders.
Interior Designers	149	\$14.89	\$29.39	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Mgt of Financial Resources	Plan, design, and furnish interiors of residential, commercial, or industrial buildings.
Environmental Science & Protection Technicians	132	\$12.75	\$26.99	Reading Comprehension, Critical Thinking, Science	Performs laboratory and field tests to monitor the environment and investigate sources of pollution, including those that affect health.
Physical Therapist Assistants ♦	124	\$16.94	\$28.10	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Time Management	Assist physical therapists in providing physical therapy treatments and procedures.
Veterinary Technologists/Technicians	106	\$12.51	\$19.68	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking	Perform medical tests in a laboratory environment for use in the treatment and diagnosis of diseases in animals.
Vocational Training After High School					
Occupational Title	Annual Openings	Hourly Wages		Skills*	Description
		Entry	Experienced		
Licensed Practical Nurses ♦	1,273	\$15.50	\$22.80	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Time Management	Care for ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled persons in hospitals, nursing homes, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions.
Automotive Services Techs. & Mechanics ♦	1,089	\$11.63	\$24.31	Troubleshooting, Repairing, Equipment Selection	Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automotive vehicles.
Preschool Teachers, except Special Ed.	849	\$9.58	\$15.79	Instructing, Learning Strategies, Speaking	Instruct children (normally up to 5 years of age) in activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth.
Fitness Trainers/Aerobics Instructors	659	\$8.63	\$20.46	Instructing, Speaking, Coordination	Instruct or coach groups or individuals in exercise activities and the fundamentals of sports.
Hairdressers/Stylists/Cosmetologists	655	\$8.54	\$15.62	Active Listening, Speaking, Time Management	Provide beauty services, such as shampooing, cutting, coloring, and styling hair, and massaging and treating scalp.
Medical Secretaries	527	\$11.85	\$19.45	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking	Perform secretarial duties utilizing specific knowledge of medical terminology and hospital, clinic, or laboratory procedures.
Legal Secretaries	495	\$14.46	\$24.94	Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Time Management	Perform secretarial duties utilizing legal terminology, procedures, and documents.
Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	444	\$10.01	\$22.13	Active Listening, Critical Thinking, Speaking	Assess injuries, administer emergency medical care, and extricate trapped individuals.
Library Technicians	398	\$9.16	\$16.50	Reading Comprehension, Service Orientation, Active Listening	Assist librarians by helping readers in the use of library catalogs, databases, and indexes to locate books and other materials.
Bus/Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists	290	\$14.76	\$24.63	Equipment Maintenance, Troubleshooting, Repairing	Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul trucks, buses, and all types of diesel engines.
Long-Term On-the-Job Training					
Occupational Title	Annual Openings	Hourly Wages		Skills*	Description
		Entry	Experienced		
Restaurant Cooks	1,250	\$8.69	\$12.08	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking	Prepare, season, and cook soups, meats, vegetables, desserts, or other foodstuffs in restaurants.
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	1,131	\$18.60	\$37.28	Judgment/Decision Making, Active Listening, Speaking	Maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances, and protect life and property in an assigned patrol district.
Carpenters	848	\$16.49	\$34.22	Active Listening, Mathematics, Equipment Selection	Construct, erect, install, or repair structures and fixtures made of wood; building frameworks, including partitions, joists, studding, and rafters.
Electricians ♦	832	\$22.08	\$37.60	Installation, Active Listening, Repairing	Install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures.
Fire Fighters	753	\$10.53	\$32.11	Active Listening, Equipment Maintenance, Equipment Selection	Control and extinguish fires or respond to emergency situations where life, property, or the environment is at risk.
Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters ♦	619	\$23.28	\$40.36	Installation, Active Listening, Repairing	Assemble, install, alter, and repair pipelines or pipe systems that carry water, steam, air, or other liquids or gases.
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	527	\$12.17	\$20.21	Operation & Control, Equipment Selection, Equipment Maintenance	Use hand-welding, flame-cutting, hand soldering, or brazing equipment to weld or join metal components.
Machinists	450	\$11.79	\$22.07	Operation & Control, Operation Monitoring, Mathematics	Set up and operate a variety of machine tools to produce precision parts and instruments.
Claims Adjusters/Examiners/Investigators	415	\$19.20	\$37.21	Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Judgment/Decision Making	Review settled claims to determine that payments and settlements have been made in accordance with company practices and procedures.
Moderate-Term On-the-Job Training					
Occupational Title	Annual Openings	Hourly Wages		Skills*	Description
		Entry	Experienced		
Customer Service Representatives	4,557	\$11.24	\$20.29	Active Listening, Speaking, Writing	Interact with customers to provide information in response to inquiries about products and services and to handle and resolve complaints.
Truck Drivers, Heavy/Tractor Trailer	2,239	\$14.09	\$23.78	Operation & Control, Equipment Maintenance, Reading Comprehension	Drive a tractor-trailer combination or a truck with a capacity of at least 26,000 GVW, to transport and deliver goods, livestock, or materials.
Sales Reps, Wholesale/Manufacturing	1,742	\$15.32	\$40.73	Speaking, Social Perceptiveness, Persuasion	Sell goods for wholesalers or manufacturers to businesses or groups of individuals.
Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	1,690	\$15.12	\$25.61	Reading Comprehension, Writing, Coordination	Provide high-level administrative support by conducting research, preparing statistical reports, and handling information requests.
Bookkeeping/Accounting/Auditing Clerks	1,519	\$11.86	\$19.89	Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, Writing	Compute, classify, and record numerical data to keep financial records complete.
Team Assemblers	1,469	\$8.46	\$15.16	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking	Work as part of a team having responsibility for assembling an entire product or component of a product.
General Maintenance & Repair Workers ♦	1,292	\$12.19	\$24.32	Equipment Maintenance, Repairing, Troubleshooting	Perform work involving the skills of two or more maintenance or craft occupations to keep machines and mechanical equipment, in repair.
Construction Laborers	1,276	\$9.38	\$26.85	Equipment Selection, Operation & Control, Mathematics	Perform tasks involving physical labor at building, highway, and heavy construction projects, tunnel and shaft excavations, and demolition sites.
Secretaries, except Legal/Medical/Executive	1,105	\$10.30	\$17.80	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Time Management	Perform routine clerical and administrative functions such as drafting correspondence, scheduling appointments, or providing information to callers.
Pharmacy Technicians ♦	825	\$10.46	\$15.34	Active Listening, Speaking, Service Orientation	Prepare medications under the direction of a pharmacist.
Short-Term On-the-Job Training					
Occupational Title	Annual Openings	Hourly Wages		Skills*	Description
		Entry	Experienced		
Cashiers	6,879	\$7.82	\$9.78	Mathematics, Service Orientation, Speaking	Receive and disburse money in establishments other than financial institutions.
Retail Salespersons	6,552	\$8.20	\$13.87	Active Listening, Mathematics, Speaking	Sell merchandise, such as furniture, motor vehicles, appliances, or apparel in a retail establishment.
Waiters and Waitresses	5,609	\$7.92	\$10.87	Active Listening, Speaking, Service Orientation	Take orders and serve food and beverages to patrons at tables in dining establishment.
Laborers & Freight/Stock Movers, Hand	4,399	\$8.52	\$14.53	Active Listening, Equipment Selection, Operation & Control	Manually move freight, stock, or other materials or perform other unskilled general labor.
Fast Food Prep. & Serving Workers	3,718	\$8.03	\$9.24	Active Listening, Speaking, Instructing	Perform duties which combine both food preparation and food service.
General Office Clerks	2,675	\$9.05	\$15.70	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking	Perform duties too varied to be classified in any specific clerical occupation, requiring limited knowledge of office management systems.
Janitors & Cleaners, except Maids/Housekeepers ♦	2,647	\$8.63	\$14.63	Equipment Maintenance, Repairing, Troubleshooting	Keep buildings in clean and orderly condition.
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	2,222	\$8.52	\$12.64	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Mathematics	Receive, store, and issue sales floor merchandise and other items from stockroom, warehouse, or storage yard to fill shelves or customers' orders.
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants ♦	1,869	\$9.23	\$13.28	Service Orientation, Social Perceptiveness, Active Listening	Provide basic patient care under direction of nursing staff.
* Top three required skills from O*NET (www.ONETcenter.org)		Source: 2008-2018 Long-term Occupational Projections and 2009 Q3 Wages, Illinois Department of Employment Security, Economic Information & Analysis Division		For descriptions of education levels and other information visit lmi.ides.state.il.us/lmem/LMEM.htm	
♦ "Best Bet" Occupation					