

Lowest Paying Occupations that Require an Associate's Degree
Rural Capital Area



SOC	SOC Title	'14 Employment	'14-'19 % Growth	'13 Avg. Hourly Wage	'14-'19 Net New Jobs	'14-'19 Total Job Openings	Education Required	Sector	Trades	STEM
29-2056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	436	22%	\$11.69	63	98	Associate's Degree	MED		x
29-2012	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	138	22%	\$15.62	15	30	Associate's Degree	MED		x
17-3031	Surveying and Mapping Technicians	185	12%	\$15.84	7	22	Associate's Degree	ENG		x
49-9031	Home Appliance Repairers	78	21%	\$16.04	8	16	Associate's Degree	MECH		
27-4011	Audio and Video Equipment Technicians	73	29%	\$16.29	11	21	Associate's Degree	DESI		
43-4131	Loan Interviewers and Clerks	280	15%	\$16.34	13	42	Associate's Degree	BACK		
43-9011	Computer Operators	91	9%	\$16.36	3	8	Associate's Degree	BACK		
43-9031	Desktop Publishers	13	0%	\$16.54	0	0	Associate's Degree	DESI		
43-4161	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and T	182	27%	\$16.64	23	49	Associate's Degree	BACK		
35-1011	Chefs and Head Cooks	269	17%	\$16.85	21	46	Associate's Degree	HOSP		
51-4012	Computer Numerically Controlled Machine Tool P	113	15%	\$17.02	7	17	Associate's Degree	PROD	x	
29-2099	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	52	29%	\$18.62	10	15	Associate's Degree	MED		x
29-2055	Surgical Technologists	135	19%	\$18.76	15	25	Associate's Degree	MED		x
39-4011	Embalmers	11	55%	\$19.93	1	6	Associate's Degree	SERV		
39-4031	Morticians, Undertakers, and Funeral Directors	40	25%	\$20.32	5	10	Associate's Degree	SERV		
17-3013	Mechanical Drafters	36	31%	\$21.82	6	11	Associate's Degree	ENG		x
29-2034	Radiologic Technologists	172	30%	\$22.47	30	51	Associate's Degree	MED		x
33-9021	Private Detectives and Investigators	20	10%	\$23.21	2	2	Associate's Degree	SOCI		
51-8012	Power Distributors and Dispatchers	25	28%	\$23.86	2	7	Associate's Degree	MFTG		
17-3023	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians	665	16%	\$24.38	42	108	Associate's Degree	COMP		x
17-3024	Electro-Mechanical Technicians	12	17%	\$24.50	2	2	Associate's Degree	COMP		x
49-2094	Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial a	186	24%	\$25.78	20	45	Associate's Degree	MECH		
29-2054	Respiratory Therapy Technicians	27	7%	\$25.82	2	2	Associate's Degree	MED		x
29-2031	Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	45	31%	\$25.97	9	14	Associate's Degree	MED		x
29-1126	Respiratory Therapists	156	25%	\$26.32	24	39	Associate's Degree	MED		x
17-3026	Industrial Engineering Technicians	39	28%	\$26.56	6	11	Associate's Degree	ENG		x
29-1141	Registered Nurses	2,722	24%	\$27.07	420	664	Associate's Degree	MED		x
29-2032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	59	29%	\$27.30	12	17	Associate's Degree	MED		x
29-1124	Radiation Therapists	11	18%	\$27.89	2	2	Associate's Degree	MED		x
29-2035	Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists	28	32%	\$27.94	4	9	Associate's Degree	MED		x
51-8013	Power Plant Operators	84	19%	\$29.12	1	16	Associate's Degree	MFTG		
31-2011	Occupational Therapy Assistants	103	20%	\$30.09	14	21	Associate's Degree	MED		
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	143	23%	\$30.20	23	33	Associate's Degree	MED		
27-3042	Technical Writers	99	20%	\$31.32	10	20	Associate's Degree	COMM		
29-2033	Nuclear Medicine Technologists	15	20%	\$31.46	3	3	Associate's Degree	MED		x
15-1121	Computer Systems Analysts	1,367	22%	\$37.80	143	306	Associate's Degree	COMP		x
29-2021	Dental Hygienists	317	28%	\$38.00	58	89	Associate's Degree	MED		x
11-1021	General and Operations Managers	4,335	15%	\$41.48	242	656	Associate's Degree	BIZ		