

Arizona's Top 50 Highest-Paying Occupations by Median Hourly Wages

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These are the occupations requiring post-secondary training or an associate's degree with the highest median hourly wages in 2006. Annual wages are considered if the hourly wage is unavailable.

Prepared by Mesa Community College Career & Re-Entry Services using www.acinet.org - America's Career InfoNet.

#	Occupation	Median wages, 2006	
		Hourly	Annual
1	Dental Hygienists*	\$35.29	\$73,400
2	Radiation Therapists	\$34.12	\$71,000
3	Nuclear Medicine Technologists	\$33.92	\$70,600
4	Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Powerhouse, Substation, and Relay	\$33.49	\$69,700
5	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	\$32.90	\$68,400
6	Computer Specialists, All Other*	\$31.35	\$65,200
7	Registered Nurses*	\$29.17	\$60,700
8	Commercial Pilots	N/A	\$56,600
9	Court Reporters	\$25.26	\$52,500
10	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$25.00	\$52,000
11	Electrical and Electronics Drafters	\$24.91	\$51,800
12	Insurance Appraisers, Auto Damage	\$24.62	\$51,200
13	Funeral Directors*	\$23.84	\$49,600
14	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technicians*	\$23.65	\$49,200
15	Fish and Game Wardens	\$23.63	\$49,200
16	Engineering Technicians, Except Drafters, All Other*	\$23.49	\$48,900
17	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	\$23.36	\$48,600
18	Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$23.21	\$48,300
19	Occupational Therapist Assistants	\$23.04	\$47,900
20	Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	\$22.69	\$47,200
21	Mechanical Engineering Technicians	\$22.69	\$46,300
22	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	\$21.96	\$45,700
23	Real Estate Sales Agents*	\$21.90	\$45,600
24	Respiratory Therapists	\$21.89	\$45,500
25	Computer Support Specialists*	\$21.68	\$45,100

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26	Drafters, All Other	\$21.35	\$44,400
27	Civil Engineering Technicians*	\$21.14	\$44,000
28	Environmental Science and Protection Technicians, Including Health	\$21.10	\$43,900
29	Avionics Technicians	\$20.85	\$43,400
30	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses*	\$20.24	\$42,100
31	Camera Operators, Television, Video, and Motion Picture	\$20.16	\$41,900
32	Interior Designers*	\$19.61	\$40,800
33	Mechanical Drafters	\$19.60	\$40,800
34	Chemical Technicians	\$19.26	\$40,100
35	Legal Secretaries	\$19.24	\$40,000
36	Architectural and Civil Drafters	\$19.20	\$39,900
37	Industrial Engineering Technicians	\$19.06	\$39,600
38	Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	\$19.01	\$39,500
39	Electro-Mechanical Technicians*	\$18.94	\$39,400
40	Surgical Technologists	\$18.90	\$39,300
41	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$18.83	\$39,200
42	Environmental Engineering Technicians	\$18.63	\$38,800
43	Security and Fire Alarm Systems Installers	\$18.56	\$38,600
44	Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians, All Other	\$18.54	\$38,600
45	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics*	\$18.17	\$37,800
46	Embalmers*	\$17.65	\$36,700
47	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists*	\$17.59	\$36,600
48	Geological and Petroleum Technicians	\$17.43	\$36,300
49	Jewelers and Precious Stone and metal Workers	\$17.16	\$35,700
50	Desktop Publishers*	\$17.05	\$35,500

State Data Source: Arizona Wage Information

* Courses in blue are offered at MCC.



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