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The OOH can help you find career information on duties, education and training, pay, and outlook for hundreds of occupations.

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2015 Median Pay | Entry-Level Education | On-the-job Training

Number of New Jobs (Projected) | Growth Rate (Projected) | GO

FEATURED OCCUPATION

**Private Detectives and Investigators**

Private detectives and investigators search for information about legal, financial, and personal matters. They offer many services, such as verifying people's backgrounds and statements, finding missing persons, and investigating computer crimes.

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## URL

<http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>

## Subjects

Occupations—United States--Handbooks, manuals, etc.;

Career guidance-United States--Handbooks, manuals, etc.;

Vocational guidance-United States--Handbooks, manuals, etc.;

Career education-United States--Handbooks, manuals, etc.;

Vocational education—United States--Handbooks, manuals, etc.

## Accessibility

Free

## Language

English  
Spanish

## Publisher

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, United States Department of Labor.

### ***Brief History***

The *Occupational Outlook Handbook* is a publication of the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics that includes information about the nature of work, working conditions, training and education, earnings and job outlook for hundreds of different occupations in the United States. It was published in 1948 biennially with a companion publication, the *Career Guide to Industries* and is available free of charge from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' website. The 2012–13 edition was released in November 2012 and the 2014–15 edition in March 2014. Because it is a work by the United States federal government, the *Handbook* is not under copyright and is reproduced in various forms by other publishers, often with additional information or features.

### ***Scope and Coverage***

The *OOH* is broken up into clusters of similar occupations. At the left hand of the home page there is a listed group of occupations like, Architecture and Engineering, Arts and Design, Building and Grounds Cleaning, Business and Financial, Community and Social Service, Computer and Information Technology, Construction and Extraction, Education, Training, and Library, Entertainment and Sports, Farming, Fishing, and Forestry, Food Preparation and Serving, and 14 more occupations.

### ***Kind of Information***

The *OOH* can help one to find career information on duties, education and training, pay, and outlook for hundreds of occupations. This hand book makes possible the users find different occupation in different ways. Users can use the index in home page, also select occupation to know about it by the parameters like, educational qualifications, pay structure, etc. They can browse the articles related to this occupation from categories “Highest paying”, “Fastest growing”, and “Most new job (projected)”. In this handbook, one can find job under a specific occupation groups. As for example, under the occupation group Computer and Information Technology one can find computer and information technology occupations like, Computer and Information Research Scientists, Computer Network Architects, Computer Programmers, Computer Support Specialists, Computer Systems Analysts and five others with job salary, entry level education, and median pay for each.

### *Special Features*

- At the last of the home page, all the resources can be searched under the headings like “Frequently asked questions”, “Glossary”, “Teacher’s guide”, “Career outlook”.
- BLS hires primarily economists, mathematical statisticians, information technology specialists, and human resources personnel. Information on jobs with BLS and how to apply for them may be found at the BLS Career Opportunities website.
- The OOH includes occupations that are defined in the 2010 Standard Occupational Classification System (SOC), which is used by federal statistical agencies to classify workers into occupational categories for the purpose of collecting, calculating, or disseminating data.
- In addition, *Career Outlook*, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, features articles about occupations, including some that are not covered in the OOH. *Career Outlook* articles include topics such as the career exploration process, as well as the “*You’re a what?*” series, which highlights certain occupations and includes interviews with workers.
- The OOH is revised every 2 years by a staff of economists in the Employment Projections program at the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

### *Arrangement Pattern*

In order to find an occupation, one can browse the occupation groups of interest on the left-hand side of the homepage, which is arranged alphabetically or use the A–Z Index if he or she know the specific occupation. They may search for occupations by using the selector drop-down menus on the OOH homepage, select by pay range, entry-level education, on-the-job training, projected number of new jobs, or projected growth rate. If one knows the specific occupation you are interested in, he or she may enter a job title into the “Search Handbook” box on the top right-hand side of the homepage. In addition, they may browse by clicking any of the three links titled “highest paying,” “fastest growing (projected),” and “most new jobs (projected).”

**Remarks**

The Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) provides information on what workers do; the work environment; education, training, and other qualifications; pay; the job outlook; information on state and area data; similar occupations; and sources of additional information, for 329 occupational profiles covering about 83 percent of the jobs in the economy.

**Comparable Tools**

- Career Development Handbook 2016-2017  
(<https://gecd.mit.edu/resources/career-handbook>)
- Career Education in Practice handbook  
(<https://www.careers.govt.nz/practitioners/planning/career-education-in-practice-handbook/>)

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