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Occupation by Entry-Level Education	Entry Wage	Median Wage	Job Openings *
Bachelor's degree			
Biological Technicians	\$35,764	\$48,141	65
Cartographers and Photogrammetrists	\$41,077	\$60,114	12
Civil Engineers	\$60,618	\$79,442	125
Conservation Scientists	\$52,242	\$74,128	10
Foresters	\$49,242	\$61,894	12
Associate's degree			
Avionics Technicians	\$49,631	\$62,362	3
Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	\$41,499	\$74,999	23
Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$47,655	\$62,420	68
Electro-Mechanical and Mechatronics Technologists and Technicians	\$52,473	\$64,323	12
Environmental Engineering Technologists and Technicians	\$40,828	\$60,595	4
Forest and Conservation Technicians	\$27,671	\$35,256	9
Medical Equipment Repairers	\$39,233	\$60,268	23
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	\$33,668	\$38,877	96
Some college, no degree			
Computer User Support Specialists	\$40,404	\$59,129	246
Postsecondary non-degree award			
Audio and Video Technicians	\$37,889	\$47,212	22
Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$33,495	\$47,789	395
Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Commercial and Industrial Equipment	\$38,471	\$51,120	29
Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	n/a	n/a	91
Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers, Except Line Installers	\$51,337	\$76,924	73
Tool and Die Makers	\$44,376	\$61,192	26
High school diploma or equivalent plus Apprenticeship			
Electricians	\$40,595	\$59,817	354
Elevator and Escalator Installers and Repairers	\$52,118	\$65,318	n
Structural Iron and Steel Workers	\$38,444	\$49,171	21
High school diploma or equivalent			
Commercial Pilots	\$44,741	\$78,062	49
Dental Laboratory Technicians	\$35,953	\$47,659	38
Earth Drillers, Except Oil and Gas; and Explosives Workers, Ordnance Handling Experts, and Blasters	n/a	n/a	27

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High school diploma or equivalent (continued)			
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	\$67,079	\$96,320	83
Electronic Equipment Installers and Repairers, Motor Vehicles	\$38,055	\$46,278	n
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$41,199	\$58,369	240
Lathe and Turning Machine Tool Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	\$37,108	\$47,944	6
Logging Equipment Operators	\$31,571	\$38,351	38
Medical Appliance Technicians	\$37,140	\$48,449	9
Metal-Refining Furnace Operators and Tenders	\$36,881	\$47,133	5
Model Makers, Metal and Plastic	\$44,458	\$80,300	3
Recreational Vehicle Service Technicians	\$32,309	\$46,550	16
Stationary Engineers and Boiler Operators	\$48,740	\$60,211	15

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