

## Illinois Occupations with the Most Openings Each Year

The table lists those occupations expected to provide the most annual 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/education. See the 'Education and Training Level Definitions' section for more information. For a complete listing of occupations, wages and skills information, visit LMI Source at [lmi.ides.state.il.us](http://lmi.ides.state.il.us).

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

Occupational Title	Annual		Hourly Wages		Skills *	Description
	Openings	Entry	Entry	Experienced		
General and Operations Managers	3,458	\$16.72	\$49.71		Judgement/Decision Making, Coordination, Systems Evaluation	Plan, direct, or coordinate the operations of companies or public and private sector organizations.
Sales Managers	957	\$21.36	\$51.55		Active Listening, Speaking, Mathematics	Direct the actual distribution or movement of a product or service to the customer.
Lawyers	952	\$24.78	\$66.85		Speaking, Critical Thinking, Persuasion	Represent clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, draw up legal documents, and manage or advise clients on legal transactions.
Financial Managers	781	\$22.40	\$49.21		Management of Financial Resources, Critical Thinking, Judgement/Decision Making	Plan, direct, and coordinate accounting, investing, banking, insurance, securities, and other financial activities of a branch, office, or department of an establishment.
Administrative Services Managers	604	\$13.26	\$30.63		Social Perceptiveness, Time Management, Reading Comprehension	Plan, direct, or coordinate supportive services of an organization, such as recordkeeping, mail distribution, telephone operator/receptionist, and other office support services.
Computer & Information Systems Managers ♦	597	\$24.77	\$51.83		Coordination, Reading Comprehension, Writing	Plan, direct, or coordinate activities in such fields as electronic data processing, information systems, systems analysis, and computer programming.
Pharmacists ♦	479	\$27.10	\$40.76		Reading Comprehension, Science, Mathematics	Dispense drugs prescribed by physicians and other health practitioners and provide information to patients about medications and their use.
Human Resources Managers	424	\$20.44	\$45.32		Management of Personnel Resources, Writing, Speaking	Plan, direct, or coordinate compensation and benefits activities and staff of an organization.

### 4 Years of College (Bachelor's Degree)

Occupational Title	Annual		Hourly Wages		Skills *	Description
	Openings	Entry	Entry	Experienced		
Registered Nurses ♦	3,971	\$16.81	\$26.09		Speaking, Service Orientation, Reading Comprehension	Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records.

Elementary School Teachers	1,681	N/A	N/A	Speaking, Instructing, Learning Strategies	Teach pupils in public or private schools at the elementary level basic academic, social, and other formative skills.
Accountants and Auditors ♦	1,660	\$14.54	\$30.12	Mathematics, Critical Thinking, Active Listening	Examine, analyze, and interpret accounting records for the purpose of giving advice or preparing statements.
Computer Systems Analysts ♦	1,131	\$22.06	\$38.56	Reading Comprehension, Programming, Troubleshooting	Analyze science, engineering, business, and all other data processing problems for application to electronic data processing systems.
Preschool Teachers	746	\$7.36	\$12.10	Speaking, Instructing, Learning Strategies	Instruct children (normally up to 5 years of age) in activities designed to promote social, physical, and intellectual growth needed for primary school in preschool, day care center, or other child development facility.
Computer Programmers	583	\$18.70	\$35.25	Programming, Writing, Reading Comprehension	Convert project specifications and statements of problems and procedures to detailed logical flow charts for coding into computer language.
Insurance Sales Agents	574	\$12.11	\$38.17	Active Listening, Speaking, Time Management	Sell life, property, casualty, health, automotive, or other types of insurance.
Computer Software Engineers, Applications ♦	573	\$21.23	\$38.64	Operations Analysis, Mathematics, Science	Develop, create, and modify general computer applications software or specialized utility programs.

## 2 Years of College (Associate's Degree)

Occupational Title	Annual Openings	Hourly Entry Wages	Hourly Experienced Wages	Skills*	Description
Registered Nurses ♦	3,971	\$16.81	\$26.09	Speaking, Service Orientation, Reading Comprehension	Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records.
Computer Support Specialists ♦	579	\$12.72	\$25.16	Instructing, Operations Analysis, Troubleshooting	Provide technical assistance to computer system users.
Medical Records & Health Info Technicians	319	\$8.34	\$14.03	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Time Management	Compile, process, and maintain medical records of hospital and clinic patients in a manner consistent with medical, administrative, ethical, legal, and regulatory requirements of the health care system.
Respiratory Therapists	250	\$14.57	\$21.12	Active Listening, Instructing, Reading Comprehension	Assess, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders.
Radiologic Technologists/Technicians ♦	194	\$13.68	\$21.41	Active Listening, Speaking, Reading Comprehension	Take X-rays and CAT scans or administer nonradioactive materials into patient's blood stream for diagnostic purposes.
Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technicians	194	\$14.06	\$24.19	Troubleshooting, Mathematics, Active Learning	Apply electrical and electronic theory and related knowledge, usually under the direction of engineering staff, to design, build, repair, calibrate, and modify electrical components, circuitry, controls, and machinery.
Medical & Clinical Lab Technicians	191	\$10.97	\$17.19	Science, Mathematics, Operation & Control	Perform routine medical laboratory tests for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease.

## Vocational Training After High School

Occupational Title	Annual	Hourly Wages		Skills*	Description
	Openings	Entry	Experienced		
Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics ♦	1,166	\$9.82	\$21.34	Repairing, Troubleshooting, Installation	Diagnose, adjust, repair, or overhaul automotive vehicles.
Licensed Practical Nurses	736	\$11.82	\$17.81	Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Writing	Care for ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled persons in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes, and similar institutions.
Hairdressers/Stylists/Cosmetologists	638	\$7.25	\$13.21	Active Listening, Speaking, Time Management	Provide beauty services, such as shampooing, cutting, coloring, and styling hair, and massaging and treating scalp.
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers ♦	605	\$10.70	\$18.34	Operation & Control, Equipment Selection, Equipment Maintenance	Use hand-welding, flame-cutting, hand soldering, or brazing equipment to weld or join metal components or to fill holes, indentations, or seams of fabricated metal products.
Fitness Trainers/Aerobics Instructors	474	\$8.23	\$21.75	Speaking, Instructing, Coordination	Instruct or coach groups or individuals in exercise activities and the fundamentals of sports.
Legal Secretaries	436	\$13.77	\$23.31	Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Time Management	Perform secretarial duties utilizing legal terminology, procedures, and documents.

## Work Experience in a Related Occupation

Occupational Title	Annual	Hourly Wages		Skills*	Description
	Openings	Entry	Experienced		
Supervisors/Managers of:					
Retail Sales Workers	1,678	\$9.34	\$20.70	Management of Personnel Resources, Active Listening, Service Orientation	Directly supervise sales workers in a retail establishment or department.
Office/Administrative Support Workers	1,509	\$12.58	\$24.45	Speaking, Management of Personnel Resources, Time Management	Supervise and coordinate the activities of clerical and administrative support workers.
Production/Operating Workers	983	\$13.37	\$26.85	Coordination, Reading Comprehension, Speaking	Supervise and coordinate the activities of production and operating workers, such as inspectors, precision workers, machine setters and operators, assemblers, fabricators, and plant and system operators.
Food Preparation/Services	796	\$8.24	\$14.88	Coordination, Time Management, Management of Personnel Resources	Supervise workers engaged in preparing and serving food.
Mechanics/Installers	676	\$15.75	\$30.69	Coordination, Management of Personnel Resources, Time Management	Supervise and coordinate the activities of mechanics, installers, and repairers.
Non-Retail Sales Workers	658	\$14.65	\$33.69	Speaking, Critical Thinking, Coordination	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of sales workers other than retail sales workers.
Construction Trades	489	\$12.20	\$31.51	Coordination, Management of Personnel Resources, Time Management	Directly supervise and coordinate activities of construction or extraction workers.

## Long-Term On-the-Job Training

Occupational Title	Annual Hourly Wages		Skills*	Description	
	Openings	Entry			Experienced
General Maintenance & Repair Workers ♦	1,677	\$10.32	\$20.23	Installation, Repairing, Equipment Maintenance	Perform work involving the skills of two or more maintenance or craft occupations to keep machines, mechanical equipment, or the structure of an establishment in repair.
Carpenters	1,671	\$12.46	\$26.51	Installation, Equipment Selection, Mathematics	Construct, erect, install, or repair structures and fixtures made of wood, such as concrete forms; building frameworks, including partitions, joists, studding, and rafters; wood stairways, window and door frames, and hardwood floors.
Restaurant Cooks	1,305	\$7.15	\$10.50	Equipment Selection, Monitoring, Coordination	Prepare, season, and cook soups, meats, vegetables, desserts, or other foodstuffs in restaurants.
Electricians ♦	1,288	\$14.92	\$29.11	Installation, Troubleshooting, Repairing	Install, maintain, and repair electrical wiring, equipment, and fixtures.
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	953	\$12.74	\$25.94	Judgement/Decision Making, Active Listening, Speaking	Maintain order, enforce laws and ordinances, and protect life and property in an assigned patrol district.
Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	865	\$17.82	\$33.31	Installation, Equipment Selection, Operation & Control	Assemble, install, alter, and repair pipelines or pipe systems that carry water, steam, air, or other liquids or gases.
Machinists ♦	666	\$10.50	\$19.25	Quality Control Analysis, Operation & Control, Mathematics	Set up and operate a variety of machine tools to produce precision parts and instruments.
Fire Fighters	593	\$8.83	\$24.32	Coordination, Equipment Selection, Critical Thinking	Control and extinguish fires or respond to emergency situations where life, property, or the environment is at risk.

## Moderate-Term On-the-Job Training

Occupational Title	Annual Hourly Wages		Skills*	Description	
	Openings	Entry			Experienced
Customer Service Representatives	2,752	\$9.52	\$17.03	Active Listening, Speaking, Writing	Interact with customers to provide information in response to inquiries about products and services and to handle and resolve complaints.
Sales Reps, Wholesale/Manufacturing ♦	2,703	\$12.84	\$30.02	Speaking, Social Perceptiveness, Persuasion	Sell goods for wholesalers or manufacturers to businesses or groups of individuals.
Truck Drivers, Heavy/Tractor Trailer	2,427	\$12.39	\$21.15	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 in liquid, loose, or packaged form.

Executive Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	1,669	\$11.62	\$19.69	Reading Comprehension, Writing, Coordination	Provide high-level administrative support by conducting research, preparing statistical reports, handling information requests, and performing clerical functions.
Bookkeeping/Accounting/Auditing Clerks	1,514	\$9.80	\$16.78	Mathematics, Reading Comprehension, Writing	Compute, classify, and record numerical data to keep financial records complete.
Dental Assistants ♦	814	\$7.87	\$12.77	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking	Assist dentist, set up patient and equipment, and keep records.
Medical Assistants ♦	596	\$9.46	\$14.19	Service Orientation, Writing, Active Listening	Perform administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of physician.
Correctional Officers and Jailers	514	\$15.60	\$19.97	Social Perceptiveness, Speaking, Active Listening	Guard inmates in penal or rehabilitative institution in accordance with established regulations and procedures.

### Short-Term On-the-Job Training

Occupational Title	Annual Openings	Hourly Wages		Skills*	Description
		Entry	Experienced		
Cashiers	8,694	\$6.21	\$8.79	Mathematics, Service Orientation, Speaking	Receive and disburse money in establishments other than financial institutions.
Retail Salespersons	7,629	\$6.58	\$12.42	Active Listening, Mathematics, Speaking	Sell merchandise, such as furniture, motor vehicles, appliances, or apparel in a retail establishment.
Laborers & Freight/Stock Movers	4,753	\$6.78	\$11.60	Active Listening, Equipment Selection, Operation & Control	Manually move freight, stock, or other materials or perform other unskilled general labor.
Janitors & Cleaners	3,490	\$7.06	\$12.39	Equipment Maintenance, Repairing, Troubleshooting	Keep buildings in clean and orderly condition. Perform heavy cleaning duties, such as cleaning floors, shampooing rugs, washing walls and glass, and removing rubbish.
Receptionists & Information Clerks ♦	2,144	\$7.37	\$12.22	Active Listening, Speaking, Reading Comprehension	Answer inquiries and obtain information for general public, customers, visitors, and other interested parties.
Counter Attendants, Cafe/Coffee Shop	1,792	\$6.17	\$9.04	Service Orientation, Active Listening, Mathematics	Serve food to diners at counter or from a steam table.
Nursing Aides, Orderlies/Attendants ♦	1,789	\$7.46	\$10.77	Service Orientation, Social Perceptiveness, Active Listening	Provide basic patient care under direction of nursing staff.
Security Guards ♦	1,605	\$7.64	\$12.25	Speaking, Social Perceptiveness, Active Listening	Guard, patrol, or monitor premises to prevent theft, violence, or infractions of rules.
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	1,593	\$6.24	\$9.25	Service Orientation, Active Listening, Equipment Selection	Perform any combination of light cleaning duties to maintain private households or commercial establishments, such as hotels, restaurants, and hospitals, in a clean and orderly manner.