

Fastest Growing Occupations Nationwide Projected Growth for 2000-2010

Occupation	Earnings	Required Education
1 Computer software engineers, applications	\$\$\$\$	Bachelor's degree
2 Computer support specialists	\$\$\$	Associate degree
3 Computer software engineer, systems software	\$\$\$\$	Bachelor's degree
4 Network & Computer systems administrators	\$\$\$\$	Bachelor's degree
5 Network systems & data communication analysts	\$\$\$\$	Bachelor's degree
6 Desktop publishers	\$\$\$	Postsecondary vocational award
7 Database administrators	\$\$\$\$	Bachelor's degree
8 Personal & home care aides	\$	Short-term on-the-job training
9 Computer systems analysts	\$\$\$\$	Bachelor's degree
10 Medical assistants	\$\$	Moderate-term on-the-job training
11 Social & human service assistants	\$\$	Moderate-term on-the-job training
12 Physician assistants	\$\$\$\$	Bachelor's degree
13 Medical records & health information technicians	\$\$	Associate degree
14 Computer & information systems managers	\$\$\$\$	Bachelor's or higher degree, work experience
15 Home health aides	\$	Short-term on-the-job training

\$\$\$\$ = Very high (\$39,700 and over)
\$\$ = Low (\$18,500 to \$25,760)

\$\$\$ = High (\$25,760 to \$39,660)
\$ = Very low (up to \$18,490)

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Employment Projections

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Occupation	Employment		Percent Change
	1998	2008	
1 Systems analysts	5,400	10,650	98%
2 Computer engineers	1,250	2,500	97%
3 Computer support specialists	4,450	8,750	97%
4 Desktop publishing specialists	300	550	89%
5 Database administrators	650	1,100	77%
6 Medical assistants	5,050	8,550	69%
7 Paralegals and legal assistants	1,550	2,600	65%
8 Ambulance drivers & attendants	200	350	63%
9 Social & human service assistants	2,550	4,200	63%
10 Residential counselors	1,800	2,800	57%
11 Financial services sales agents	2,100	3,250	57%
12 Physician assistants	450	700	52%
13 Occupational therapy aides	200	300	51%
14 Cardiovascular technicians	350	500	47%
15 Data processing equipment repairers	950	1,400	47%

Source: Kentucky Department for Employment Services,
Labor Market Information

