

BEST JOBS IN AMERICA

MONEY Magazine and Salary.com rate careers on salary and job prospects.



The Top 50

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Rank	Career (click for CNNMoney.com snapshot)	Job growth (10-yr forecast)	Average pay (salary and bonus)
1	Software engineer	46.07%	\$80,427
2	College professor	31.39%	\$81,491
3	Financial advisor	25.92%	\$122,462
4	Human resources manager	23.47%	\$73,731
5	Physician assistant	49.65%	\$75,117
6	Market research analyst	20.19%	\$82,317
7	Computer/IT analyst	36.10%	\$83,427
8	Real estate appraiser	22.78%	\$66,216
9	Pharmacist	24.57%	\$91,998
10	Psychologist	19.14%	\$66,359
11	Advertising manager	20.34%	\$107,049
12	Physical therapist	36.74%	\$54,883
13	Technical writer	23.22%	\$57,841
14	Chiropractor	22.40%	\$84,996
15	Medical scientist	34.06%	\$70,053
16	Physical scientist	12.18%	\$80,213
17	Engineer	13.38%	\$76,100
18	Curriculum developer	27.53%	\$55,793
19	Editor	14.77%	\$78,242
20	Public relations specialist	22.61%	\$84,567
21	Sales manager	19.67%	\$135,903
22	Optometrist	19.73%	\$93,670
23	Property manager	15.30%	\$78,375
24	Actuary	23.16%	\$81,509
25	Writer	17.72%	\$60,519
26	Social service manager	25.52%	\$74,584
27	Paralegal	29.75%	\$61,204
28	Health services manager	22.76%	\$92,211

29	Advertising sales agent	16.33%	\$112,683
30	Physician/Surgeon	23.98%	\$247,536
31	Management analyst	20.12%	\$63,426
32	Occupational therapist	33.61%	\$51,973
33	Mental health counselor	27.18%	\$53,150
34	Landscape architect	19.43%	\$50,383
35	Biotechnology research scientist	17.05%	\$66,393
36	Urban planner	15.17%	\$60,891
37	Lawyer	14.97%	\$153,923
38	Speech-language pathologist	14.57%	\$58,329
39	Meeting and convention planner	22.21%	\$56,072
40	Dietitian/Nutritionist	18.30%	\$52,244
41	Biological scientist	17.03%	\$61,317
42	Financial analyst	17.33%	\$66,203
43	Dentist	13.52%	\$122,883
44	Accountant	22.43%	\$62,575
45	Environmental scientist	17.11%	\$59,027
46	Lab technologist	20.53%	\$51,502
47	Registered nurse	29.35%	\$68,872
48	Sales engineer	13.96%	\$78,875
49	Veterinarian	17.39%	\$79,923
50	School Administrator	14.55%	\$73,767