

Where the jobs are

Given the statistics, what are the best career choices? What careers or jobs seem to offer the best possibilities? The Bureau of Labor Statistics has compiled the following data, in descending order of job openings through the next decade:

 Highest Percentage of Job Openings: paralegal workers, computer operators, computer systems analysts, office machine and cash register servicers. • Fastest-Growing Jobs Requiring a High School Diploma or Less: Fast-food workers, correction officers and jailers, nurses' aides and orderlies, psychiatric aides, dental assistants, auto painters, claims clerks, drywall applicators, child care attendants, medical insurance clerks, drywall tapers, welfare aides, statement clerks, hotel housekeepers, laundry and dry cleaning workers.

• Fastest-Growing Jobs Requiring a Bachelor's Degree: computer systems analysts, physical therapists, computer programmers, speech and hearing clinicians, aero-astronautic engineers, economists, dietitians, electrical engineers, medical-laboratory technologists, architects, veterinarians, law clerks, geologists, mechanical engineers, and psychologists.