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What Are the Job Prospects in the Major Industries?

Accounting

According to the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) accounting employment will keep pace with the average for all occupations through the year 2006. Companies want more from their accounting firms—more information, more kinds of information, faster delivery of information. That means there will be a need for more accountants. On the other hand, the tendency of a growing economy to create new jobs will be offset by increased automation and heavier workloads for proportionately fewer accountants. In any case, competition for accounting jobs will be vigorous.

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Commercial Banking

Banks remain in the business of profiting from other people's money, but now they need to do it in as many markets at home and abroad as possible, as aggressively as possible. Competition has forced banks to move quickly and more creatively into mortgage lending, securities and derivatives trading, and transactions processing. That means jobs, if you have the right qualifications.

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