

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

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