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MICHIGAN'S JOB OUTLOOK THROUGH 2026

MICHIGAN'S HIGH-DEMAND, HIGH-WAGE CAREERS	PROJECTED ANNUAL JOB OPENINGS	HOURLY WAGE RANGE	JOB GROWTH 2016-2026	EDUCATION AND TRAINING BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL
Accountants and Auditors	3,520	\$25 - \$42	9.4%	Bachelor's degree, license
Administrative Services Managers	630	\$35 - \$55	9.4%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
Architectural and Engineering Managers	800	\$51 - \$74	9.0%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience, license
Carpenters	2,600	\$16 - \$28	7.5%	Apprenticeship, license
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	1,570	\$19 - \$28	13.6%	Bachelor's degree, license
Civil Engineers	860	\$30 - \$45	16.8%	Bachelor's degree, license
Commercial and Industrial Designers	740	\$28 - \$46	7.9%	Bachelor's degree
Computer and Information Systems Managers	830	\$46 - \$73	12.3%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
Computer Systems Analysts	1,200	\$31 - \$49	8.5%	Bachelor's degree
Computer User Support Specialists	1,790	\$17 - \$29	11.0%	Some college, no degree
Construction Managers	540	\$33 - \$56	9.9%	Bachelor's degree, plus moderate-term OJT
Dental Hygienists	770	\$27 - \$34	20.0%	Associate's degree, license
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	630	\$34 - \$66	10.6%	Master's degree, plus work experience
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	880	\$19 - \$33	15.2%	Master's degree, license
Electrical Engineers	780	\$33 - \$50	13.5%	Bachelor's degree, license
Electricians	2,580	\$20 - \$35	6.8%	Apprenticeship, license
Elementary School Teachers Except Special Education	2,840	\$22 - \$30	5.6%	Bachelor's degree, license
Financial Managers	1,460	\$40 - \$72	18.3%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
General and Operations Managers	5,760	\$33 - \$74	8.8%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	730	\$36 - \$82	25.4%	Doctoral or professional degree
Healthcare Social Workers	800	\$22 - \$31	18.7%	Master's degree, plus internship, license
Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	1,020	\$17 - \$29	13.7%	Postsecondary nondegree award, plus long-term OJT, license
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	6,870	\$16 - \$24	9.7%	Postsecondary nondegree award, plus short-term OJT, license
Human Resources Specialists	1,600	\$21 - \$36	7.3%	Bachelor's degree
Industrial Engineers	2,200	\$34 - \$51	18.2%	Bachelor's degree, license
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	1,840	\$19 - \$30	10.0%	Long-term OJT
Insurance Sales Agents	1,410	\$17 - \$38	9.9%	Moderate-term OJT, license
Lawyers	940	\$33 - \$67	7.3%	Doctoral or professional degree, license
Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	1,420	\$20 - \$26	10.4%	Postsecondary nondegree award, license
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	2,080	\$21 - \$40	24.0%	Bachelor's degree
Marketing Managers	450	\$42 - \$77	11.5%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
Mechanical Engineers	3,160	\$34 - \$53	15.2%	Bachelor's degree, license
Medical and Health Services Managers	1,180	\$35 - \$61	18.1%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
Nurse Practitioners	350	\$43 - \$55	34.3%	Master's degree, license
Occupational Therapists	380	\$31 - \$45	22.9%	Master's degree, license
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	730	\$19 - \$29	14.5%	Associate's degree
Personal Financial Advisors	530	\$26 - \$72	15.1%	Bachelor's degree, plus long-term OJT, license
Physical Therapist Assistants	630	\$20 - \$30	30.7%	Associate's degree, license
Physical Therapists	630	\$35 - \$48	27.4%	Doctoral or professional degree, license
Physician Assistants	440	\$43 - \$58	37.8%	Master's degree, license
Physicians and Surgeons	540	\$29 - \$100+	9.8%	Doctoral or professional degree, plus residency, license
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	1,620	\$22 - \$36	12.7%	Apprenticeship, license
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	1,330	\$22 - \$33	6.6%	Moderate-term OJT
Registered Nurses	6,650	\$28 - \$38	13.5%	Bachelor's degree, license
Sales Managers	1,000	\$44 - \$78	7.0%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
Sales Representatives, Except Technical and Scientific Products	5,680	\$20 - \$43	2.9%	Moderate-term OJT
Social and Community Service Managers	550	\$26 - \$38	16.3%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience
Software Developers, Applications	2,160	\$33 - \$53	31.0%	Bachelor's degree
Software Developers, Systems Software	1,000	\$33 - \$52	15.2%	Bachelor's degree
Training and Development Specialists	690	\$20 - \$36	12.4%	Bachelor's degree, plus work experience

Source: DTMB, Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiatives

OJT = On-the-Job Training

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Note: This list includes occupations that show a favorable mix of projected long-term job growth, projected annual job openings, and median wages. It does not necessarily reflect current hiring demand. Hourly wage represents the 25th to 75th percentiles.