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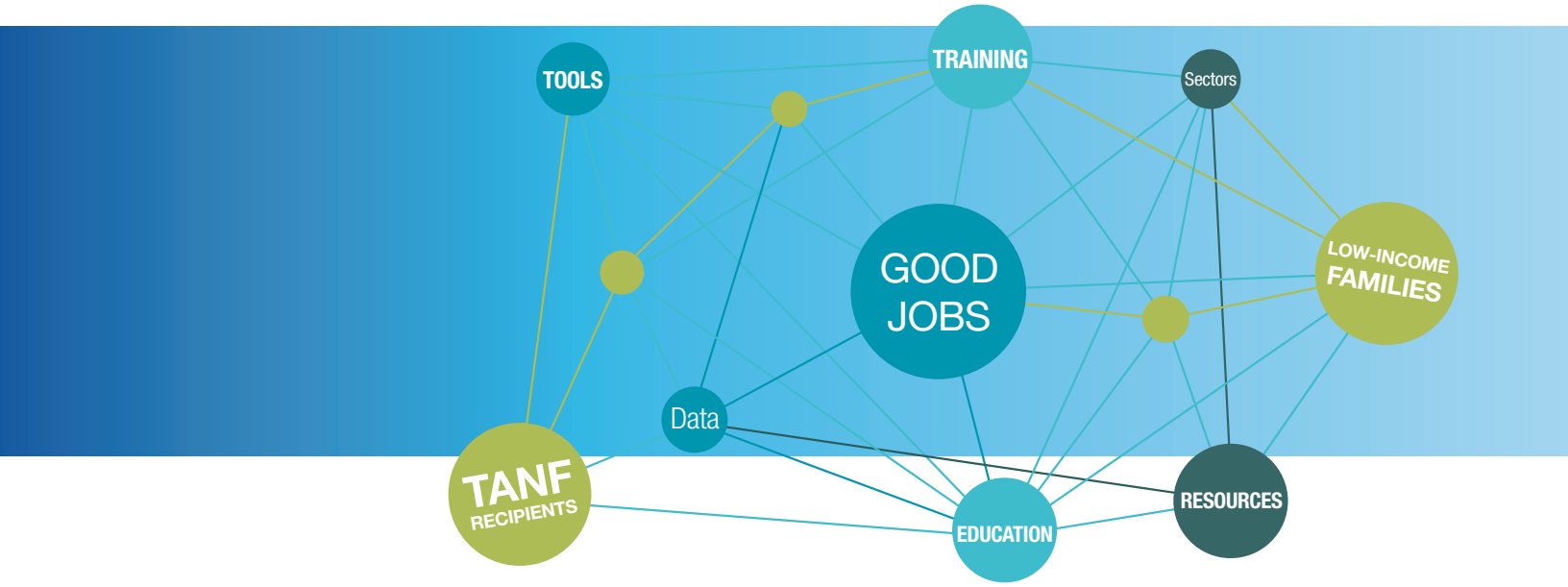

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Registered nurses		1,760	18.7%	$46,200 / $54,900 / $64,830
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	+ OJT	890	12.0%	$29,020 / $37,630 / $47,380
Nursing assistants		710	15.2%	$18,540 / $21,450 / $24,190
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses		700	23.4%	$31,050 / $35,470 / $40,630
Medical assistants		320	27.1%	$21,360 / $25,140 / $29,620
Computer user support specialists	+ OJT	310	25.8%	$32,790 / $43,060 / $56,070
Teacher assistants		280	8.0%	$17,350 / $19,200 / $22,170
First-line supervisors of production and operating workers		240	4.4%	$40,000 / $51,910 / $68,800
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists		230	12.9%	$17,840 / $21,050 / $27,660
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers	+ OJT	220	19.4%	$30,480 / $37,530 / $46,690
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics		180	28.0%	$21,250 / $25,990 / $32,570
Dental hygienists		170	30.2%	$39,650 / $44,680 / $49,750
Firefighters	+ OJT	170	6.4%	$31,200 / $40,080 / $48,630
Preschool teachers, except special education		140	19.2%	$19,570 / $25,700 / $33,240
Medical records and health information technicians		130	21.2%	$23,010 / $28,820 / $37,900
Dental assistants		130	21.5%	$25,300 / $29,850 / $35,830
Radiologic technologists		120	18.8%	$36,950 / $45,290 / $54,750
Medical and clinical laboratory technicians		120	27.7%	$26,770 / $34,640 / $43,870
Physical therapist assistants		120	43.4%	$44,480 / $53,470 / $61,750
Paralegals and legal assistants		90	13.9%	$33,840 / $45,890 / $56,800

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PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN
Alabama

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE (25th Percentile / Median / 75th Percentile)
Respiratory therapists		70	16.7%	$40,290 / **$45,910** / $53,630
Electrical and electronics engineering technicians		60	7.9%	$44,760 / **$59,380** / $72,680
Phlebotomists		60	21.8%	$22,020 / **$26,020** / $31,280
Computer, automated teller, and office machine repairers		50	3.0%	$26,980 / **$36,000** / $45,900
Electrical and electronics repairers, commercial and industrial equipment	+ OJT	40	1.4%	$43,420 / **$52,220** / $62,460

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PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN Florida

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE (25th Percentile / Median / 75th Percentile)
Registered nurses		6,680	22.6%	$52,740 / **$60,920** / $72,030
Nursing assistants		3,040	22.1%	$20,700 / **$23,390** / $27,350
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	+ OJT	2,750	18.6%	$27,720 / **$34,770** / $44,090
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses		2,210	23.7%	$35,400 / **$41,130** / $46,810
Medical assistants		1,720	29.3%	$25,160 / **$28,740** / $33,670
Teacher assistants		1,650	17.6%	$18,970 / **$22,310** / $27,180
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers	+ OJT	1,610	45.2%	$29,940 / **$37,720** / $48,330
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists		1,340	12.4%	$18,860 / **$23,090** / $30,370
Computer user support specialists	+ OJT	1,230	18.3%	$32,840 / **$41,760** / $54,520
Paralegals and legal assistants		1,130	32.1%	$36,500 / **$46,310** / $59,960
Preschool teachers, except special education		1,080	19.2%	$20,190 / **$23,580** / $29,220
Firefighters	+ OJT	910	10.2%	$36,270 / **$48,060** / $67,070
Dental assistants		810	28.6%	$28,710 / **$34,620** / $41,000
Dental hygienists		560	35.5%	$54,630 / **$64,890** / $73,460
Radiologic technologists		500	25.2%	$40,600 / **$50,200** / $59,380
First-line supervisors of production and operating workers		480	7.5%	$41,350 / **$52,140** / $67,420
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics		470	29.3%	$24,680 / **$30,370** / $37,010
Telecommunications equipment installers and repairers, except line installers	+ OJT	440	7.4%	$35,130 / **$48,360** / $63,850
Aircraft mechanics and service technicians		410	10.2%	$41,760 / **$53,570** / $65,610

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PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN
Florida

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE (25th Percentile / Median / 75th Percentile)
Veterinary technologists and technicians		400	37.6%	$24,730 **$29,570** $35,310
Medical records and health information technicians		380	19.5%	$28,010 **$35,100** $45,610
Computer network support specialists		350	17.5%	$38,400 **$49,490** $70,920

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PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN Georgia

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE (25th Percentile / Median / 75th Percentile)
Registered nurses		2,300	16.0%	$52,630 / **$62,520** / $72,520
Teacher assistants		1,560	24.8%	$17,200 / **$18,950** / $22,710
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	+ OJT	1,540	14.2%	$28,900 / **$39,270** / $50,270
Nursing assistants		1,460	21.2%	$18,700 / **$21,670** / $24,670
Medical assistants		1,210	49.9%	$24,420 / **$28,410** / $33,890
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses		1,140	24.6%	$32,520 / **$37,620** / $43,880
Computer user support specialists	+ OJT	870	28.0%	$36,160 / **$47,190** / $62,770
Preschool teachers, except special education		670	27.6%	$23,710 / **$28,920** / $37,860
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics		550	30.4%	$24,910 / **$29,540** / $37,080
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists		470	11.3%	$18,430 / **$23,080** / $30,800
Medical and clinical laboratory technicians		460	30.3%	$27,650 / **$34,140** / $43,010
Dental assistants		450	37.3%	$27,870 / **$34,000** / $41,010
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers	+ OJT	430	24.5%	$32,620 / **$40,970** / $53,010
Firefighters	+ OJT	390	10.8%	$25,930 / **$32,740** / $40,720
Paralegals and legal assistants		370	24.7%	$40,840 / **$52,410** / $66,420
Dental hygienists		370	48.3%	$53,600 / **$64,050** / $74,980
Telecommunications equipment installers and repairers, except line installers	+ OJT	330	22.1%	$34,730 / **$51,090** / $68,790
First-line supervisors of production and operating workers		310	3.7%	$40,750 / **$53,050** / $69,370
Aircraft mechanics and service technicians		250	3.2%	$47,360 / **$56,450** / $75,850

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PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN

Georgia

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE (25th Percentile / Median / 75th Percentile)
Medical records and health information technicians		240	27.1%	$26,690 **$33,420** $43,670
Radiologic technologists		200	22.7%	$42,230 **$50,790** $60,580
Computer network support specialists		150	10.4%	$49,250 **$66,800** $86,500

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PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN Kentucky

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE: 25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile
Registered nurses		2,150	20.1%	$48,310	**$57,120**	$67,490
Teacher assistants		620	8.7%	$21,300	**$24,500**	$29,950
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	+ OJT	600	7.7%	$29,950	**$38,010**	$47,870
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses		460	21.8%	$33,180	**$37,460**	$43,400
Medical assistants		440	37.0%	$23,370	**$27,550**	$32,250
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics		290	35.5%	$22,160	**$27,770**	$35,580
Computer user support specialists	+ OJT	230	17.6%	$28,800	**$38,910**	$49,670
Dental assistants		210	30.9%	$26,790	**$32,990**	$39,670
Firefighters	+ OJT	200	31.0%	$24,830	**$32,400**	$38,660
First-line supervisors of production and operating workers		200	3.7%	$40,510	**$52,340**	$67,050
Preschool teachers, except special education		170	15.4%	$25,350	**$36,960**	$48,960
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists		170	4.8%	$17,500	**$19,880**	$27,100
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers	+ OJT	170	11.4%	$30,570	**$38,140**	$48,910
Medical records and health information technicians		150	24.5%	$26,750	**$33,340**	$42,220
Radiologic technologists		140	21.8%	$40,600	**$49,410**	$59,230
Computer, automated teller, and office machine repairers		120	11.1%	$23,390	**$29,950**	$38,130
Dental hygienists		110	40.3%	$48,980	**$56,530**	$65,740
Telecommunications equipment installers and repairers, except line installers	+ OJT	100	24.4%	$32,130	**$46,810**	$66,940

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PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN
Kentucky

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE (25th Percentile / Median / 75th Percentile)
Medical and clinical laboratory technicians		90	28.9%	$31,050 **$37,600** $45,460
Respiratory therapists		80	20.5%	$40,760 **$46,730** $54,590
Paralegals and legal assistants		70	12.8%	$33,570 **$43,380** $53,110

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PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN Mississippi

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE (25th Percentile / Median / 75th Percentile)
Registered nurses		960	13.2%	$45,450 **$54,940** $66,340
Nursing assistants		560	14.4%	$17,720 **$20,370** $23,260
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	+ OJT	550	8.3%	$28,860 **$36,740** $46,620
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses		470	18.7%	$31,460 **$35,750** $40,990
Teacher assistants		360	10.2%	$16,820 **$18,180** $19,640
Preschool teachers, except special education		140	15.4%	$18,910 **$23,400** $33,480
First-line supervisors of production and operating workers		110	0.8%	$36,530 **$47,550** $64,780
Medical and clinical laboratory technicians		100	23.2%	$27,010 **$34,130** $39,570
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics		100	21.7%	$23,880 **$30,150** $39,740
Dental assistants		90	17.6%	$25,580 **$29,270** $36,880
Computer user support specialists	+ OJT	80	17.4%	$31,000 **$39,450** $49,540
Medical records and health information technicians		80	14.7%	$22,220 **$28,090** $36,700
Medical assistants		80	21.2%	$22,080 **$26,060** $30,310
Radiologic technologists		60	14.0%	$39,420 **$45,900** $54,960
Firefighters	+ OJT	60	10.2%	$22,960 **$29,680** $37,440
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers	+ OJT	60	4.9%	$24,510 **$33,680** $44,520
Paralegals and legal assistants		50	14.9%	$31,540 **$41,030** $55,550
Library technicians		50	11.8%	$17,640 **$19,980** $25,430
Surgical technologists		50	22.2%	$29,300 **$35,140** $41,740
Respiratory therapists		40	12.0%	$41,130 **$47,130** $54,970

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Mississippi

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE (25th Percentile / Median / 75th Percentile)
Electrical and electronics engineering technicians		20	1.1%	$44,040 / **$54,290** / $63,640
Telecommunications equipment installers and repairers, except line installers	+ OJT	20	2.6%	$35,710 / **$63,640** / $71,390

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PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN North Carolina

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE (25th Percentile / Median / 75th Percentile)
Registered nurses		3,490	20.4%	$49,910 / **$58,930** / $70,090
Nursing assistants		2,480	26.6%	$19,030 / **$22,180** / $25,940
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	+ OJT	1,520	13.4%	$29,960 / **$37,060** / $46,010
Teacher assistants		1,080	11.5%	$20,540 / **$22,540** / $24,600
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses		820	25.3%	$36,440 / **$41,880** / $46,730
Preschool teachers, except special education		730	23.3%	$20,020 / **$24,160** / $30,210
Medical assistants		730	31.8%	$25,710 / **$29,360** / $34,360
Computer user support specialists	+ OJT	660	18.2%	$36,170 / **$46,670** / $59,590
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers	+ OJT	650	31.0%	$32,430 / **$38,770** / $48,090
Dental assistants		580	44.4%	$32,440 / **$37,190** / $44,220
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists		520	13.6%	$17,820 / **$21,550** / $30,690
Dental hygienists		500	55.7%	$58,290 / **$67,470** / $75,170
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics		480	22.0%	$25,920 / **$31,870** / $37,860
Paralegals and legal assistants		440	27.2%	$32,640 / **$40,750** / $51,390
Medical and clinical laboratory technicians		440	32.9%	$33,640 / **$39,780** / $46,920
Firefighters	+ OJT	400	3.9%	$23,390 / **$30,530** / $39,430
Medical records and health information technicians		260	22.3%	$26,790 / **$32,360** / $41,130
Radiologic technologists		250	23.9%	$44,670 / **$54,040** / $63,630
Telecommunications equipment installers and repairers, except line installers	+ OJT	190	14.7%	$36,590 / **$47,970** / $59,960
Phlebotomists		180	31.0%	$23,860 / **$27,850** / $32,640

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PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN

North Carolina

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE (25th Percentile / Median / 75th Percentile)
Aircraft mechanics and service technicians		150	11.0%	$45,100 / $52,800 / $58,820
Computer network support specialists		140	8.1%	$41,550 / $57,970 / $79,070

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PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN
South Carolina

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE: 25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile
Registered nurses		1,670	18.9%	$48,690	**$58,350**	$69,930
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	+ OJT	800	18.8%	$30,640	**$38,640**	$47,550
Nursing assistants		780	22.0%	$19,280	**$21,960**	$24,810
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses		470	23.6%	$33,510	**$39,000**	$45,140
Teacher assistants		440	9.0%	$17,670	**$20,010**	$24,290
Medical assistants		380	27.7%	$24,110	**$28,120**	$33,290
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics		240	20.2%	$24,820	**$29,740**	$36,890
Computer user support specialists	+ OJT	210	21.4%	$33,170	**$42,750**	$53,890
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers	+ OJT	210	22.0%	$31,620	**$38,100**	$46,560
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists		200	14.1%	$17,510	**$20,000**	$27,580
Preschool teachers, except special education		180	16.7%	$17,930	**$21,910**	$35,510
Paralegals and legal assistants		160	20.1%	$33,310	**$40,660**	$49,010
Dental assistants		160	25.7%	$29,730	**$34,450**	$38,860
Firefighters	+ OJT	160	6.6%	$26,210	**$32,040**	$38,670
First-line supervisors of production and operating workers		160	0.7%	$43,530	**$57,870**	$74,080
Dental hygienists		150	34.9%	$44,900	**$54,020**	$62,310
Medical records and health information technicians		140	23.5%	$25,960	**$32,590**	$42,490
Radiologic technologists		120	21.0%	$39,600	**$47,800**	$58,430
Telecommunications equipment installers and repairers, except line installers	+ OJT	70	8.9%	$35,810	**$48,110**	$64,260

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PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN
South Carolina

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE: 25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile
Respiratory therapists		60	18.1%	$44,440	$52,490	$60,090
Computer network support specialists		40	4.9%	$42,600	$53,850	$68,950

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PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN Tennessee

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE (25th Percentile / Median / 75th Percentile)
Registered nurses		1,880	14.0%	$47,970 / **$56,370** / $65,830
Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers	+ OJT	1,790	14.8%	$30,350 / **$38,680** / $48,860
Nursing assistants		1,030	14.1%	$19,320 / **$22,270** / $25,950
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses		990	19.0%	$32,060 / **$36,000** / $40,840
Teacher assistants		770	14.1%	$17,480 / **$19,600** / $24,480
Medical assistants		640	28.3%	$24,300 / **$28,050** / $32,890
Preschool teachers, except special education		490	21.9%	$18,350 / **$23,770** / $39,840
Emergency medical technicians and paramedics		410	23.7%	$24,380 / **$30,120** / $37,720
Hairdressers, hairstylists, and cosmetologists		410	19.3%	$18,520 / **$23,630** / $32,550
Paralegals and legal assistants		310	48.7%	$38,420 / **$47,910** / $59,460
Medical and clinical laboratory technicians		310	20.6%	$27,830 / **$34,960** / $43,790
First-line supervisors of production and operating workers		260	2.5%	$38,670 / **$50,340** / $65,020
Computer user support specialists	+ OJT	250	20.9%	$33,560 / **$42,340** / $53,420
Dental assistants		230	20.6%	$28,700 / **$34,600** / $40,440
Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers	+ OJT	220	14.1%	$30,540 / **$38,950** / $50,660
Medical records and health information technicians		200	23.2%	$25,460 / **$30,960** / $38,840
Dental hygienists		190	28.6%	$55,660 / **$66,230** / $73,620
Firefighters	+ OJT	190	12.0%	$29,800 / **$37,470** / $48,310
Radiologic technologists		180	17.1%	$40,480 / **$48,850** / $58,110

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PROMISING OCCUPATIONS IN
Tennessee

	EDUCATION/ TRAINING REQUIRED	AVERAGE ANNUAL OPENINGS	GROWTH RATE	2014 ANNUAL WAGE (25th Percentile / Median / 75th Percentile)
Telecommunications equipment installers and repairers, except line installers	+ OJT	180	21.7%	$29,420 / $39,820 / $65,470
Surgical technologists		110	26.2%	$32,800 / $37,470 / $44,200
Respiratory therapists		90	11.3%	$42,420 / $48,170 / $56,280
Computer network support specialists		60	9.4%	$45,230 / $56,120 / $71,380

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