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Occupations that Need More Education for Entry are Projected to Grow Faster Than Average

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Table 5.2 Employment, wages, and projected change in employment by typical entry-level education (Employment in thousands)

Typical entry-level education	Employment, 2020	Employment distribution, percent, 2020	Percent employment change, 2020–30	Median annual wage, 2020 ⁽¹⁾
Total, all occupations	153,533.8	100.0	7.7	\$41,950
Doctoral or professional degree	4,204.0	2.7	8.9	\$110,160
Master's degree	2,782.8	1.8	16.4	\$76,800
Bachelor's degree	36,407.8	23.7	9.9	\$78,020
Associate's degree	3,274.8	2.1	10.5	\$55,870
Postsecondary nondegree award	9,542.7	6.2	9.7	\$41,520
Some college, no degree	3,868.9	2.5	3.0	\$37,770
High school diploma or equivalent	59,150.7	38.5	5.1	\$39,070
No formal educational credential	34,302.1	22.3	8.9	\$27,510

Footnotes:

⁽¹⁾ Data are from the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics program, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Wage data cover non-farm wage and salary workers and do not cover the self-employed, owners and partners in unincorporated firms, or household workers.

Note: The occupational employment and growth rates shown in this table include projected growth in all jobs from 2020–30, not just entry-level jobs. Entry-level education reflects 2020 requirements—BLS does not project educational requirements.

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