

2015 High Priority Occupations for West Central Workforce Investment Area

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			Annual Average	Entry Level	Exper. Level	Estimated 2012	Projected 2022	Percent Change	Annual Openings
11-2022	Sales Managers	BD+	\$117,580	\$65,870	\$143,430	120	120	0.0%	3
11-9151	Social & Community Service Managers	BD+	\$51,710	\$33,260	\$60,930	70	90	28.6%	3
13-1023	Purchasing Agents	LT OJT	\$55,640	\$37,590	\$64,670	140	130	-7.1%	2
13-1031	Claims Adjusters, Examiners & Investigators	LT OJT	\$66,900	\$46,710	\$76,990	50	60	20.0%	1
13-1051	Cost Estimators	BD	\$65,520	\$47,700	\$74,430	100	110	10.0%	4
13-1081	Logisticians	BD	\$65,130	\$52,340	\$71,520	20	20	0.0%	0
13-1151	Training & Development Specialists	BD+	\$46,720	\$20,060	\$60,040	70	70	0.0%	1
13-1161	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	BD	\$45,170	\$34,520	\$50,500	190	240	26.3%	8
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	BD	\$61,290	\$39,850	\$72,020	630	680	7.9%	24
13-2051	Financial Analysts	BD	\$86,830	\$58,020	\$101,230	40	50	25.0%	2
15-1121	Computer Systems Analysts	BD	\$85,810	\$52,100	\$102,670	50	50	0.0%	2
15-1131	Computer Programmers	BD	\$68,790	\$42,380	\$82,000	60	60	0.0%	2
15-1132	Software Developers, Applications	BD	\$76,200	\$51,520	\$88,530	50	50	0.0%	2
15-1133	Software Developers, Systems Software	BD	\$88,690	\$60,600	\$102,740	50	50	0.0%	1
15-1142	Network & Computer Systems Administrators	BD	\$65,600	\$38,310	\$79,250	160	160	0.0%	2
15-1151	Computer User Support Specialists	PS+	\$42,380	\$29,360	\$48,890	180	200	11.1%	5
15-1152	Computer Network Support Specialists	AD	\$63,180	\$44,690	\$72,430	60	70	16.7%	2
17-2051	Civil Engineers	BD	\$76,120	\$49,320	\$89,520	50	60	20.0%	2
17-2072	Electronics Engineers	BD	N/A	N/A	N/A	20	20	0.0%	0
17-2112	Industrial Engineers	BD	\$76,320	\$50,940	\$89,010	130	140	7.7%	4
17-2141	Mechanical Engineers	BD	\$78,190	\$52,090	\$91,240	160	180	12.5%	8
19-4021	Biological Technicians	BD	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	0
21-1011	Substance Abuse & Behavioral Disorder Counselors	MT OJT	\$43,910	\$33,890	\$48,930	280	350	25.0%	13
21-1012	Educational, Guidance, School & Vocational Counselors	MD	\$59,020	\$41,460	\$67,800	150	160	6.7%	4
21-1015	Rehabilitation Counselors	MD	\$49,250	\$27,760	\$59,990	90	110	22.2%	4
21-1021	Child, Family & School Social Workers	BD	\$34,950	\$27,290	\$38,780	370	410	10.8%	12
21-1022	Healthcare Social Workers	MD	\$39,340	\$28,010	\$45,000	190	270	42.1%	11
21-1023	Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	BD	\$30,010	\$27,550	\$31,250	220	280	27.3%	11
21-1091	Health Educators	BD	\$42,040	\$27,210	\$49,460	40	50	25.0%	2
21-1093	Social & Human Service Assistants	ST OJT	\$25,140	\$19,810	\$27,800	360	420	16.7%	15
23-2011	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	AD	\$43,020	\$32,070	\$48,490	50	70	40.0%	2
25-2032	Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School	BD+	\$58,560	\$49,370	\$63,160	250	250	0.0%	7
25-3021	Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	WK EXP	\$31,680	\$23,870	\$35,580	90	90	0.0%	3
27-2022	Coaches & Scouts	BD	\$25,210	\$17,110	\$29,260	340	350	2.9%	11
29-1051	Pharmacists	PROF	\$95,630	\$79,000	\$103,940	210	220	4.8%	6
29-1071	Physician Assistants	MD	\$82,560	\$68,420	\$89,640	100	110	10.0%	3

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29-1126	Respiratory Therapists	AD	\$54,010	\$44,860	\$58,580	60	70	16.7%	2
29-1141	Registered Nurses	AD	\$55,940	\$45,730	\$61,040	1,750	2,020	15.4%	61
29-1171	Nurse Practitioners	MD	\$85,920	\$59,310	\$99,220	50	60	20.0%	2
29-2011	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	BD	\$52,280	\$42,670	\$57,080	100	100	0.0%	2
29-2012	Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	AD	\$36,430	\$24,710	\$42,290	150	160	6.7%	5
29-2021	Dental Hygienists	AD	\$55,070	\$50,170	\$57,520	90	100	11.1%	4
29-2031	Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	AD	\$48,380	\$34,610	\$55,270	30	40	33.3%	1
29-2032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	AD	\$49,590	\$34,600	\$57,080	50	70	40.0%	3
29-2034	Radiologic Technologists	AD	\$44,180	\$34,710	\$48,920	170	190	11.8%	4
29-2041	Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	PS	\$31,580	\$21,860	\$36,450	300	370	23.3%	15
29-2052	Pharmacy Technicians	MT OJT	\$28,490	\$22,420	\$31,520	110	120	9.1%	2
29-2055	Surgical Technologists	PS	\$33,440	\$26,010	\$37,160	50	70	40.0%	2
29-2056	Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	AD	\$26,390	\$20,710	\$29,230	50	60	20.0%	1
29-2061	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	PS	\$35,360	\$29,760	\$38,160	710	910	28.2%	37
29-2071	Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	PS	\$34,840	\$26,800	\$38,870	140	160	14.3%	6
29-2081	Opticians, Dispensing	LT OJT	\$29,460	\$23,150	\$32,610	20	30	50.0%	2
31-1014	Nursing Assistants	PS	\$23,660	\$19,750	\$25,620	1,090	1,220	11.9%	34
31-2011	Occupational Therapy Assistants	AD	\$49,930	\$38,270	\$55,760	40	50	25.0%	2
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	AD	\$39,880	\$30,690	\$44,480	80	100	25.0%	4
31-9091	Dental Assistants	PS	\$31,750	\$25,330	\$34,960	190	220	15.8%	6
31-9097	Phlebotomists	PS	\$29,310	\$22,890	\$32,520	130	140	7.7%	3
35-1011	Chefs & Head Cooks	WK EXP	\$39,090	\$26,080	\$45,600	60	60	0.0%	1
35-1012	Supervisors - Food Preparation & Serving Workers	WK EXP	\$29,900	\$19,760	\$34,970	640	690	7.8%	23
39-3011	Gaming Dealers	ST OJT	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0	N/A	0
39-9031	Fitness Trainers & Aerobics Instructors	ST OJT	\$23,280	\$16,950	\$26,450	180	220	22.2%	6
41-1011	Supervisors - Retail Sales Workers	WK EXP	\$40,150	\$29,200	\$45,630	950	940	-1.1%	21
41-2021	Counter & Rental Clerks	ST OJT	\$25,870	\$16,820	\$30,400	170	190	11.8%	7
41-3011	Advertising Sales Agents	MT OJT	\$31,730	\$18,130	\$38,530	50	40	-20.0%	1
41-3031	Securities, Commodities & Financial Services Sales Agents	BD+	\$96,420	\$28,320	\$130,460	240	250	4.2%	6
41-4011	Sales Representatives, Technical & Scientific Products	BD+	\$75,420	\$46,040	\$90,110	70	70	0.0%	1
41-4012	Sales Representatives	MT OJT	\$61,840	\$31,750	\$76,890	960	1,020	6.3%	25
43-1011	Supervisors - Office & Administrative Support Workers	WK EXP	\$47,390	\$30,410	\$55,870	730	790	8.2%	23
43-3011	Bill & Account Collectors	MT OJT	\$35,160	\$22,300	\$41,590	140	150	7.1%	5
43-3021	Billing & Posting Clerks	ST OJT	\$29,950	\$23,690	\$33,080	320	360	12.5%	10
43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	MT OJT	\$31,470	\$19,610	\$37,400	1,200	1,290	7.5%	19
43-4011	Brokerage Clerks	MT OJT	\$47,810	\$34,280	\$54,570	30	20	-33.3%	1

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43-4051	Customer Service Representatives	ST OJT	\$30,460	\$19,040	\$36,170	1,300	1,410	8.5%	46
43-4081	Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	ST OJT	\$17,970	\$16,920	\$18,500	130	140	7.7%	7
43-5011	Cargo & Freight Agents	ST OJT	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	10	0.0%	0
43-5032	Dispatchers	MT OJT	\$34,540	\$22,230	\$40,700	90	100	11.1%	4
43-5061	Production, Planning & Expediting Clerks	MT OJT	\$43,200	\$28,750	\$50,420	170	170	0.0%	4
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	ST OJT	\$34,060	\$24,340	\$38,920	390	400	2.6%	10
43-6012	Legal Secretaries	MT OJT	\$27,300	\$22,080	\$29,900	70	70	0.0%	1
43-6013	Medical Secretaries	MT OJT	\$26,840	\$20,530	\$30,000	440	540	22.7%	15
43-6014	Secretaries	ST OJT	\$28,460	\$19,280	\$33,050	1,620	1,700	4.9%	28
43-9041	Insurance Claims & Policy Processing Clerks	MT OJT	N/A	N/A	N/A	170	180	5.9%	6
43-9061	Office Clerks, General	ST OJT	\$26,660	\$18,800	\$30,590	1,820	1,830	0.5%	39
47-1011	Supervisors - Construction Trades & Extraction Workers	WK EXP	\$67,560	\$48,640	\$77,020	210	230	9.5%	4
47-2021	Brickmasons & Blockmasons	LT OJT	\$45,180	\$27,050	\$54,240	60	80	33.3%	3
47-2031	Carpenters	LT OJT	\$39,320	\$29,500	\$44,230	640	690	7.8%	13
47-2051	Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers	MT OJT	\$44,600	\$34,820	\$49,500	160	180	12.5%	4
47-2061	Construction Laborers	ST OJT	\$34,610	\$21,530	\$41,150	640	720	12.5%	22
47-2073	Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	MT OJT	\$48,060	\$32,630	\$55,770	430	480	11.6%	15
47-2111	Electricians	LT OJT	\$55,910	\$34,360	\$66,690	440	470	6.8%	11
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	LT OJT	\$46,390	\$38,910	\$50,120	140	150	7.1%	4
47-2211	Sheet Metal Workers	LT OJT	\$52,190	\$45,070	\$55,750	70	80	14.3%	1
47-2221	Structural Iron & Steel Workers	LT OJT	N/A	N/A	N/A	20	20	0.0%	1
47-4011	Construction & Building Inspectors	WK EXP	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	10	0.0%	0
47-5012	Rotary Drill Operators, Oil & Gas	MT OJT	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	40	33.3%	2
47-5071	Roustabouts, Oil & Gas	MT OJT	N/A	N/A	N/A	40	50	25.0%	2
49-1011	Supervisors - Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	WK EXP	\$67,700	\$40,880	\$81,110	180	180	0.0%	6
49-2098	Security & Fire Alarm Systems Installers	MT OJT	\$34,720	\$23,630	\$40,260	20	20	0.0%	0
49-3021	Automotive Body & Related Repairers	MT OJT	\$34,850	\$25,970	\$39,280	110	110	0.0%	2
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	LT OJT	\$32,560	\$24,840	\$36,420	540	570	5.6%	17
49-3031	Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists	LT OJT	\$39,910	\$29,850	\$44,940	230	250	8.7%	7
49-9021	Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	PS+	\$37,620	\$28,480	\$42,190	210	220	4.8%	6
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	LT OJT	\$44,580	\$29,700	\$52,020	190	220	15.8%	9
49-9051	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	LT OJT	\$66,260	\$53,870	\$72,460	60	70	16.7%	2
49-9052	Telecommunications Line Installers & Repairers	LT OJT	\$62,010	\$49,990	\$68,010	120	110	-8.3%	3
49-9071	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	LT OJT	\$33,820	\$21,140	\$40,160	1,080	1,150	6.5%	27
51-1011	Supervisors - Production & Operating Workers	PS+	\$56,270	\$36,890	\$65,960	520	540	3.8%	9
51-3021	Butchers & Meat Cutters	LT OJT	\$27,700	\$20,660	\$31,230	60	70	16.7%	2

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51-3092	Food Batchmakers	MT OJT	\$23,500	\$17,110	\$26,700	130	130	0.0%	4
51-4011	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal & Plastic	MT OJT	\$38,760	\$26,390	\$44,950	270	280	3.7%	9
51-4012	Computer Numerically Controlled Machine Tool Programmers, Metal & Plastic	LT OJT	\$51,560	\$42,950	\$55,860	10	20	100.0%	1
51-4033	Tenders, Metal & Plastic	MT OJT	\$35,620	\$28,420	\$39,220	80	80	0.0%	2
51-4041	Machinists	LT OJT	\$34,860	\$24,250	\$40,170	590	630	6.8%	18
51-4081	Multiple Machine Tool Setters, Operators & Tenders, Metal & Plastic	MT OJT	\$39,750	\$25,840	\$46,710	140	130	-7.1%	3
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	MT OJT	\$32,060	\$23,960	\$36,110	660	680	3.0%	17
51-5112	Printing Press Operators	MT OJT	\$33,210	\$22,140	\$38,750	90	80	-11.1%	2
51-5113	Print Binding & Finishing Workers	ST OJT	N/A	N/A	N/A	20	20	0.0%	0
51-9011	Chemical Equipment Operators & Tenders	MT OJT	N/A	N/A	N/A	30	20	-33.3%	1
51-9061	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers & Weighers	MT OJT	\$41,600	\$25,880	\$49,460	400	420	5.0%	11
51-9111	Packaging & Filling Machine Operators & Tenders	MT OJT	\$35,770	\$22,880	\$42,210	300	310	3.3%	8
53-1031	Supervisors - Transportation & Vehicle Operators	WK EXP	\$53,150	\$36,370	\$61,540	110	110	0.0%	3
53-3031	Driver/Sales Workers	ST OJT	\$22,360	\$17,040	\$25,020	250	250	0.0%	4
53-3032	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	PS+	\$41,780	\$28,540	\$48,410	1,550	1,760	13.5%	45
53-3033	Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	ST OJT	\$24,230	\$17,080	\$27,800	530	550	3.8%	10
53-7051	Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	ST OJT	\$38,130	\$30,090	\$42,150	510	500	-2.0%	12

Educational Attainment Abbreviations:

- Short-term or Moderate-term training (**ST OJT** or **MT OJT**) – basic tasks and skills are learned through a period of on-the-job training. A high school diploma may be required.
- Long-term training (**LT OJT**) – a high school diploma and at least one year of on-the-job training or an apprenticeship.
- Related work experience (**WK EXP**) – a high school diploma and training gained through hands-on work in a similar occupation.
- Postsecondary training (**PS** or **PS+**) – training is gained through a postsecondary training program. Some period of related work experience may be required.
- Associate Degree (**AD** or **AD+**) – degree completed after two years of full-time schooling beyond high school. Some period of related work experience may be required.
- Bachelor's Degree (**BD** or **BD+**) – degree completed after four years of full-time schooling beyond high school. Some period of related work experience may be required.
- Master's Degree (**MD** or **MD+**) – degree completed after two years of full-time schooling beyond a bachelor's degree. Some period of related work experience may be required.
- Doctoral (**PhD**) or First Professional Degree (**PROF**) – degree programs requiring 3-6 years of education at the college or university level beyond a four-year bachelor's degree.