



Connecticut Career Resource Network Update

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Save the Date

Next year's conference will be held on **Friday, May 13th, 2011.**

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Mapping out a career: An analysis of geographic concentration of occupations

What you do for a living and where you live have a lot to do with each other. Explore the connection between occupation and location.

Occupations with high geographic concentration

Some occupations are more likely than others to be concentrated in specific areas. For example, 89 percent of political scientists worked in just a few areas in 2009—including more than two-thirds in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

Other occupations with high geographic concentrations include those related to fashion and entertainment. In 2009, New York and Los Angeles, two areas with high concentrations of apparel-and entertainment-related industries, had the highest employment of fashion designers, fabric and apparel patternmakers, and agents and business managers of artists, performers, and athletes.

Does metro size matter?

Areas with the highest overall employment usually have the highest employment of most occupations. But not all metropolitan areas are alike in the types and numbers of occupations that are likely to be clustered together. Large, medium, and small metropolitan areas have different occupational concentrations.

Large metro areas

The largest metropolitan areas—those with employment of 1 million or more—made up about 42 percent of total employment in 2009. However, some occupations are even more likely to be concentrated in large metropolitan areas, such as New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

Some occupations are highly concentrated because they are associated with industries in which related businesses benefit from locating near one another. The San Francisco Bay area attracted high-tech workers, for example, and that locale eventually became known as Silicon Valley because of the large cluster of technology companies there.

For the full article, please visit: <http://www.bls.gov/opub/ooq/2010/fall/art02.pdf>.

Source: Occupational Outlook Quarterly • Fall 2010

Connecticut Job Outlook by Training Level: 2008-2018

Occupations that Require First Professional, Doctoral, or Master's Degree			
Annual Job Openings	Occupational Title	Average Wage	
		Hourly	Annual
186	Lawyers	61.53	127,973
143	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	24.61	51,193
117	Graduate Teaching Assistants	N/A	28,958
110	Physical Therapists	38.58	80,242
108	Educational, Vocational, and School Counselors	28.51	59,314
101	Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	45.97	95,612
99	Rehabilitation Counselors	19.09	39,701
94	Postsecondary Teachers, All Other	N/A	64,396
90	Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	36.39	75,686
Occupations that Require Bachelor's Degree or Higher			
Annual Job Openings	Occupational Title	Average Wage	
		Hourly	Annual
902	General and Operations Managers	63.79	132,690
691	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	N/A	67,495
562	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	N/A	66,614
485	Accountants and Auditors	34.90	72,603
393	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Vocational Education	N/A	68,558
300	Computer Software Engineers, Applications	43.06	89,578
297	Financial Managers	53.96	112,243
283	Securities, Commodities, and Financial Services Sales Agents	79.90	166,188
274	Computer Systems Analysts	42.65	88,697
258	Sales Managers	57.04	118,643
Occupations that Require Associate Degree or Vocational Training			
Annual Job Openings	Occupational Title	Average Wage	
		Hourly	Annual
450	Nursing Aides, Orderlies, and Attendants	14.63	30,445
337	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	25.46	52,955
283	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	14.63	30,426
239	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	14.38	29,898
225	Computer Support Specialists	27.23	56,620
181	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	20.88	43,436
180	Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	19.77	41,117
158	Insurance Sales Agents	35.46	73,764

The Real Game Series



Join us to see if *The Real Game Series* makes sense for your school. Learn about The Real Game in the morning and /or check out *The Get Real Game* in the afternoon. Follow-up training will be offered at a later date.

Where *The Real Game Series* is offered, Parents, Teachers, and counselors report: students see the relevance of their education to their future lives, academic performance improves, and develop stronger career management skills. This program helps counselors and educators deliver a powerful development program that supports the Connecticut Comprehensive School Counseling Program Guidelines. It also promote interaction among counselors, teachers, students, parents, and community.

Two sessions are scheduled for January 20th, 2011 and February 26th, 2011 at the Connecticut Department of Labor. Please contact Linda Kobylarz at (860) 675-8003 for more information.



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Occupations that Require Long Term On-the-Job Training			
Annual Job Openings	Occupational Title	Average Wage	
		Hourly	Annual
266	Cooks, Restaurant	13.61	28,307
187	Electricians	26.13	54,337
154	Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators	30.58	63,609
153	Carpenters	24.34	50,625
139	Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	31.85	66,264
135	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	29.17	60,667
126	Coaches and Scouts	N/A	37,180
121	Machinists	20.04	41,688
113	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	28.07	58,374
110	Compliance Officers, Except Agr., Const., Health and Safety, and Transp.	33.79	70,286

Occupations that Require Work Experience in Related Occupation			
Annual Job Openings	Occupational Title	Average Wage	
		Hourly	Annual
621	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Admn. Support Workers	26.29	54,689
480	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Retail Sales Workers	21.52	44,758
437	Sales Reps., Wholesale and Mfg., Except Tech. and Sci. Products	34.75	77,900
370	Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	23.98	49,875
265	Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	33.62	69,927
218	Managers, All Other	50.04	104,086
181	Sales Rep., Wholesale and Mfg., Technical and Scientific Products	39.99	83,171
147	First-Line Supervisors/Mgrs. of Constr. Trades and Extraction Workers	49.65	103,280
135	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	33.53	69,742
132	First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Non-Retail Sales Workers	38.35	79,778

Occupations that Require Short-Term On-the-Job Training			
Annual Job Openings	Occupational Title	Average Wage	
		Hourly	Annual
1,947	Cashiers	10.43	21,693
1,784	Retail Salespersons	13.24	27,552
1,639	Waiters and Waitresses	10.87	22,611
829	Teacher Assistants	N/A	28,958
795	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	9.76	20,300
755	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	13.58	28,228
695	Personal and Home Care Aides	10.80	22,479
621	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	13.89	28,915
600	Home Health Aides	14.14	29,411
587	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	11.88	25,699

Join the Celebration!

Career Development Month in Connecticut – November 2010

In these challenging times the importance of career development is clearer than ever.

Governor Jodi Rell's proclamation (see www.ccamain.org) highlights the value of lifelong career development to individuals, as well as to the state's economy. The Connecticut Career Counseling and Development Association (CCCDA) along with schools, colleges, state agencies, libraries, and organizations will offer a variety of career development activities and free resources.

For more information and ideas about how you can celebrate career development month contact Linda Kobylarz, CT Career Development Month Coordinator, at lindakoby@aol.com.

Here's a snapshot of the happenings...

- Professional development workshops for counselors and career development specialists:
 - *Inspiring Careers through Holistic Life Planning* – Dr. Sunny Hansen
Nov. 5, 2010. Visit www.ccamain.org (click on Latest News) for brochure.
 - *Action-Based Tips for Successful Career Counseling* – Dr. John Krumboltz
Nov. 17, 2010 Webinar. Visit www.ncda.org to register.
- Special events at colleges (sampler):
 - Eastern CT State College – Resume Writing, Graduate School Admissions, and Business Experiential Skills in Technology (Career Services Center).
 - Quinnipiac College Career Fair – <https://www.quinnipiac.edu/x1632.xml>.
 - University of Hartford – Resume Writing Boot Camp, Internships, Interviewing, Etiquette Dinner, and Business Side of Music (Career Services Center).
 - Northwestern CT Community College – Career Tune-Up Workshop (Center for Student Development).
- Check with local libraries for events and job clubs (e.g., Russell Library, Simsbury Library, Hartford Public Library, and Newington Library).
- College2Career Fair (Nov. 17) – www.collegecareerexpo.com.

Check out these free career resources...

- CT Department of Labor *Job and Career Connection* – www.ctjobandcareer.org
- Career Cluster Posters – www.ctjobandcareer.org
- CT Department of Economic and Community Development - *Next Generation Careers Resource Connections* – www.ct.gov/ecd
- CT Labor Market Information (Employment Outlook, Wages, Middle Skill Jobs)
www.ctdol.state.ct.us/lmi
- CCCDA – *Career Development Month Idea Kit* for school counselors lindakoby@aol.com
- CT Business and Industry Association's Education Foundation – *Career Pathways: Energy and Green Technology DVD and Teacher Guide*. Profiled careers include: HVAC technician, electrician, transmission planner, energy analyst, environmental engineering, applications engineer, and a fuel cell technician. www.cbia.com