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THE 2016–17 OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK

The 2016–17 Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) was released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OOH reflects BLS employment projections for the 2014–24 decade. The OOH is one of the nation’s most widely used sources of career information. It provides details on hundreds of occupations and is used by career counselors, students, parents, teachers, jobseekers, career changers, education and training officials, and researchers. The OOH is available online at www.bls.gov/ooh.

OOH Profiles

The 2016–17 OOH includes 329 occupational profiles covering 576 detailed occupations, or about 83 percent of total employment in 2014. Each occupational profile describes: what workers do, where they work, typical education and training requirements, wages, job outlook, state and area data, and contacts for more information.

A detailed description about the information included in OOH profiles is available at www.bls.gov/ooh/about/occupational-information-included-in-the-ooh.htm.

New in the 2016–17 OOH

Each occupational profile in the 2016–17 OOH includes a new State and Area Data tab with links to occupational profiles from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey. Users can access detailed national, state, and metropolitan or nonmetropolitan employment and wage data for their selected occupation.

The new tab also provides a link to state occupational projections available at www.projectionscentral.com. State occupational employment projections are developed for all states by Labor Market Information (LMI) offices. Information on this site allows users to compare projected occupational employment growth among states or within one state.

The 2014–24 Employment Projections

The 10-year projections of industry and occupational employment are revised every 2 years. The Employment Projections news release issued on December 8, 2015, covering the 2014–24 projections is available at www.bls.gov/news.release/ecopro.toc.htm.

More detailed information on the 2014–24 projections appears in five articles in the *Monthly Labor Review*. These articles are available at www.bls.gov/emp/publications.htm.

A graphic representation of projections highlights appears in the Career Outlook, available online at www.bls.gov/careeroutlook.

Information about projections methods is available online at www.bls.gov/emp/ep_projections_methods.htm.

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