

The Help Wanted Index of selected occupations					
<div> <div></div> Indicates labor shortage, lighter shades signifying less severe conditions <div></div> Shortage is less likely </div>					
RANK	OCCUPATION	INCREASE IN PAY (THREE YEARS)	INCOME PREMIUM	CHANGE IN JOBS (OVER ONE YEAR)	UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
1	Atmospheric and Space Scientists	54%	+\$7.8K	47%	2%
4	Astronomers and Physicists	54%	+\$102.6K	−20%	0%
8	Registered Nurses	8%	−\$252.9	5%	1%
9	Surgeons	40%	+\$246.5K	0%	2%
13	Electrical and Electronics Engineers	10%	+\$9.2K	11%	2%
18	Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives	4%	+\$25.9K	18%	1%
132	Driver/Sales Workers and Truck Drivers	8%	−\$2.2K	6%	6%
278	Construction Laborers	15%	−\$71.7K	9%	10%
324	Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Workers	0%	−\$65.8K	2%	7%
381	Waiters and Waitresses	−20%	−\$29.4K	−3%	12%
Note: This chart does not display all 10 indicators that go into the Help Wanted Index. The complete data can be found in the full report.					
Source: The American Community Survey, Current Population Survey and Lightcast.				THE WASHINGTON POST	