

Opportunity Occupations Allegheny County

Feb. 2024

What are Opportunity Occupations?

Opportunity Occupations are jobs that pay at least an area's median income, and **do not require a bachelor's degree**. They may require a post-secondary credential, some experience, or on the job training.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Allegheny County's median annual income in 2022 was \$46,064 a year.

\$59,085

Median Annual Salary for Opportunity Occupations in Allegheny County

8,530

Unique Job Postings
(Oct. 2023 to Dec. 2023)

126,520

Total Jobs in Opportunity Occupations
(Allegheny 2023)

18%

Of All Jobs in Allegheny County (2023)

Most Active Job Postings

01

Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products

Total Jobs in 2023: 4,690

Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 1,064

Entry Level Wage: \$19.69

Median Annual Earnings: \$73,241

Example Job Titles: Sales Representative, Sales Consultant, and Salesperson

Top Skills Needed: Active Listening, Speaking, Negotiation, Persuasion, and Social Perceptiveness



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Food Service Manager

Total Jobs in 2023: 1,017

Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 445

Entry Level Wage: \$24.31

Median Annual Earnings: \$65,356

Example Job Titles: Restaurant Manager, Catering Manager, and Food and Beverage Director

Top Skills Needed: Service Orientation, Active Listening, Management of Personnel Resources, Monitoring, and Speaking



02

Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses

Total Jobs in 2023: 3,185

Oct. to Dec. Job Postings: 887

Entry Level Wage: \$22.90

Median Annual Earnings: \$54,367

Example Job Titles: Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Charge Nurse, and Office Nurse

Top Skills Needed: Service Orientation, Coordination, Social Perceptiveness, Active Listening, and Monitoring



05

Computer User Support Specialists

Total Jobs in 2023: 3,840

Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 311

Entry Level Wage: \$17.51

Median Annual Earnings: \$55,568

Example Job Titles: Computer Support Specialist, Help Desk Technician, and IT Specialist

Top Skills Needed: Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking, Critical thinking, and Complex Problem Solving

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03

Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers

Total Job in 2023: 6,625

Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 561

Entry Level Wage: \$18.52

Median Annual Earnings: \$51,771

Example Job Titles: CDL Drive (Commercial Driver's License Driver, Line Haul Driver, and Semi Truck Driver

Top Skills Needed: Operation and Control, Monitoring, Critical Thinking and Reading Comprehension



06

First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers

Total Jobs in 2023: 8,782

Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 207

Entry Level Wage: \$18.75

Median Annual Earnings: \$62,092

Example Job Titles: Office Manager, Accounting Manager, and Customer Service Manager

Top Skills Needed: Active Listening, Coordination, Monitoring, Reading Comprehension, and Social Perceptiveness



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Dental Hygienists



Total Jobs in 2023: 948
Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 198
Entry Level Wage: \$32.17

Median Annual Earnings: \$73,214
Example Job Titles: Dental Hygienist, Licensed Dental Hygienist, and Pediatric Dental Hygienist
Top Skills Needed: Active Listening, Critical Thinking, Speaking, Monitoring, and Service Orientation



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Construction Laborers

Total Jobs in 2023: 4,829
Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 160
Entry Level Wage: \$17.32
Median Annual Earnings: \$51,691
Example Job Titles: Construction Worker, Equipment Operator (EO), and Scaffolding Operator
Top Skills Needed: Speaking, Active Listening, Coordination, Operation and Control, and Operations Monitoring



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Radiologic Technologists and Technicians



Total Jobs in 2023: 1,255
Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 177
Entry Level Wage: \$23.73
Median Annual Earnings: \$62,814
Example Job Titles: Radiology Technician, X-Ray Technician, Computed tomography Technologist (CT Tech)



Top Skills Needed: Active Listening, Social Perceptiveness, Reading Comprehension, Service Orientation, and Speaking

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Medical Records Specialists



Total Jobs in 2023: 1,840
Oct. to Dec. Job Postings: 133
Entry Level Wage: \$17.59
Median Annual Earnings: \$46,646
Example Job Titles: Medical Records Coordinator, Coder, and Health Information Specialist
Top Skills Needed: Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Judgment and Decision Making, Speaking, and Writing



09

First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers

Total Jobs in 2023: 2,597
Oct. to Dec. Job Postings: 177
Entry Level Wage: \$21.67
Median Annual Earnings: \$70,704
Example Job Titles: Maintenance Manager, Facility Maintenance Supervisor, and Service Manager
Top Skills Needed: Monitoring, Management of Personnel Resources, Coordination, Critical Thinking, and Judgment and Decision Making



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Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks

Total Jobs in 2023: 1,048
Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 133
Entry Level Wage: \$15.52
Median Annual Earnings: \$51,473
Example Job Titles: Expeditor, Inventory Control Specialist, and Production Assistant
Top Skills Needed: Reading Comprehension, Speaking, Active Listening, Time Management, and Critical Thinking



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Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians



Total Jobs in 2023: 163
Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 174
Entry Level Wage: \$18.78
Median Annual Earnings: \$51,343
Example Job Titles: Business Process Analyst, Manufacturing Coordinator, and Service Technician
Top Skills Needed: Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Critical Thinking, Complex Problem Solving, and Monitoring
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Machinists



Total Jobs in 2023: 841
Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 120
Entry Level Wage: \$17.72
Median Annual Earnings: \$49,439
Example Job Titles: Machinist, CNC Machinist, and Machine Repair Person
Top Skills Needed: Operation and Control, Critical Thinking, Monitoring, Operations Monitoring, and Active Listening
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Automotive Body and Related Repairers



Total Jobs in 2023: 611
Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 164
Entry Level Wage: \$17.76
Median Annual Earnings: \$48,930
Example Job Titles: Auto Body Technician, Collision Repair Technician, and Refinish Technician
Top Skills Needed: Troubleshooting, Repairing, Active Listening, Critical Thinking, and Monitoring
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Surgical Technologist



Total Jobs in 2023: 602
Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 119
Entry Level Wage: \$20.67
Median Annual Earnings: \$50,325
Example Job Titles: Certified Surgical Technician, Operating Room Technician (OR Tech), and Surgical Technologist (Surgical Tech)
Top Skills Needed: Monitoring, Active Listening, Operations Monitoring, Coordination, Critical Thinking



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Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers

Total Jobs in 2023: 1,718

Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 118

Entry Level Wage: \$15.53

Median Annual Earnings: \$46,754

Example Job Titles: *Quality Assurance Inspector, Quality Control Technician, and Test Technician*

Top Skills Needed: *Quality Control Analysis, Critical Thinking, Writing, Active Listening, and Judgement and Decision Making*



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Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologist

Total Jobs in 2023: 378

Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 101

Entry Level Wage: \$19.04

Median Annual Earnings: \$80,055

Example Job Titles: *MRI Tech (Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technician), MRI Specialist, and MRI Coordinator*

Top Skills Needed: *Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Monitoring, Operations Monitoring, and Speaking*



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Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers

Total Jobs in 2023: 972

Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 116

Entry Level Wage: \$22.37

Median Annual Earnings: \$63,202

Example Job Titles: *Apartment Manger, Leasing Manager, and Property Manager*

Top Skills Needed: *Speaking, Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Coordination, and Writing*



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Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers

Total Jobs in 2023: 1,917

Oct. to Dec. Job Postings: 95

Entry Level Wage: \$18.30

Median Annual Earnings: \$52,237

Example Job Titles: *A/C Tech, Refrigeration Technician, and HVAC Service Tech*

Top Skills Needed: *Operations Monitoring, Critical Thinking, Troubleshooting, Installation, and Reading Comprehension*



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First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail Sales Workers

Total Jobs in 2023: 955

Oct. to Dec. Job Postings: 114

Entry Level Wage: \$23.44

Median Annual Earnings: \$91,155

Example Job Titles: *Sales Department Supervisor, Customer Service Supervisor, and Sales Team Leader*

Top Skills Needed: *Active Listening, Management of Personnel Resources, Monitoring, Speaking, and Coordination*



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Paralegals and Legal Assistants

Total Jobs in 2023: 1,936

Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 89

Entry Level Wage: \$19.21

Median Annual Earnings: \$66,420

Example Job Titles: *Certified Paralegal, Legal Analyst, and Real Estate Paralegal*

Top Skills Needed: *Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Speaking, Writing, and Critical Thinking*



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Chefs and Head Cooks

Total Jobs in 2023: 669

Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 108

Entry Level Wage: \$21.30

Median Annual Earnings: \$54,251

Example Job Titles: *Chef, Executive Chef, and Kitchen Manager*

Top Skills Needed: *Coordination, Monitoring, Speaking, Time Management, and Active Listening*



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Insurance Sales Agent

Total Jobs in 2023: 3,084

Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 88

Entry Level Wage: \$18.96

Median Annual Earnings: \$59,359

Example Job Titles: *Insurance Agent, Insurance Broker, and Underwriting Sales Representative*

Top Skills Needed: *Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Speaking, Critical Thinking, and Persuasion*



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Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists

Total Jobs in 2023: 998

Oct. to Dec. 2023 Job Postings: 103

Entry Level Wage: \$18.08

Median Annual Earnings: \$51,656

Example Job Titles: *Bus Mechanic, Fleet Mechanic, and Service Technician*

Top Skills Needed: *Repairing, Troubleshooting, Operations Monitoring, Equipment Maintenance, and Critical Thinking*



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