

Unemployment rate & pay by educational attainment, 2014

Unemployment rate	Educational attainment	Weekly pay
2.1%	Doctoral degree	\$1,591
1.9%	Professional degree	1,639
2.8%	Master's degree	1,326
3.5%	Bachelor's degree	1,101
4.5%	Associate's degree	792
6.0%	Some college	741
6.0%	High-school diploma	668
9.0%	Less than a high school diploma	488

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

Some occupations with large job growth that you can get with less than a high school diploma

Occupations	Projected job growth 2012-2022 (in thousands)	Weekly pay, 2014
Personal care aides	580.8	\$434
Retail salespersons	434.7	596
Nursing, psychiatric, and home health aides	424.2	472
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	421.9	379
Janitors and building cleaners	280.0	502
Construction laborers	259.8	605
Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand	241.9	533
Maids and housekeeping cleaners	183.4	401
Cooks	150.1	413

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The projected job growth data come from the Employment Projections Program and the weekly pay data come from the Current Population Survey.

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