

The 25 Highest-Paying Jobs of 2016

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Look for employers in healthcare and technology.

Physicians take home the fattest paychecks, on average, of all Americans, a new report finds — and by a big margin. Doctors bank about \$35,000 more each year than the next top earners — lawyers — according to report from Glassdoor, a jobs and recruiting website, which compiled data shared by the site's users to find each field's median base pay.

Most of the 25 highest-paying occupations require both a high level of experience and education.

If you're not a software developer or in the medical field, don't despair. Paycheck size isn't always tied to long-term satisfaction in your job, Glassdoor finds. Rather, the biggest drivers of happiness are company culture, advancement opportunities, and trust in senior leadership.

"High pay continues to be tied to in-demand skills, higher education, and working in jobs that are protected from competition or automation," Andrew Chamberlain, Glassdoor's chief economist, said in a press release. "This is why we see several jobs within the technology and healthcare industries."

Nearly seven in 10 people say that compensation is among their top considerations before accepting a job. Below are the 25 highest-paying jobs in America this year, as well as the median pay Glassdoor users reported, the number of current job openings on the site, and links to those job postings.

1. Physician

- Median Base Salary: \$180,000
- Number of Job Openings: 2,064

2. Lawyer

- Median Base Salary: \$144,500
- Number of Job Openings: 995

3. Research & Development Manager

- Median Base Salary: \$142,120
- Number of Job Openings: 112

4. Software Development Manager

- Median Base Salary: \$132,000
- Number of Job Openings: 3,495

5. Pharmacy Manager

- Median Base Salary: \$130,000
- Number of Job Openings: 1,766

6. Strategy Manager

- Median Base Salary: \$130,000
- Number of Job Openings: 701

7. Software Architect

- Median Base Salary: \$128,250
- Number of Job Openings: 655

8. Integrated Circuit Designer Engineer

- Median Base Salary: \$127,500
- Number of Job Openings: 165

14. Systems Architect

- Median Base Salary: \$116,920
- Number of Job Openings: 439

15. Finance Manager

- Median Base Salary: \$115,000
- Number of Job Openings: 2,582

16. Data Scientist

- Median Base Salary: \$115,000
- Number of Job Openings: 1,985

17. Risk Manager

- Median Base Salary: \$115,000
- Number of Job Openings: 1,137

18. Creative Director

- Median Base Salary: \$115,000
- Number of Job Openings: 696

19. Actuary

- Median Base Salary: \$115,000
- Number of Job Openings: 175

20. Data Architect

- Median Base Salary: \$113,000
- Number of Job Openings: 762

21. Tax Manager

- Median Base Salary: \$110,000
- Number of Job Openings: 1,495

9. IT Manager

- Median Base Salary: \$120,000
- Number of Job Openings: 3,152

10. Solutions Architect

- Median Base Salary: \$120,000
- Number of Job Openings: 2,838

11. Engagement Manager

- Median Base Salary: \$120,000
- Number of Job Openings: 1,452

12. Applications Development Manager

- Median Base Salary: \$120,000
- Number of Job Openings: 263

13. Pharmacist (Links to an external site.)

- Median Base Salary: \$118,000
- Number of Job Openings: 4,502

22. Product Manager

- Median Base Salary: \$107,000
- Number of Job Openings: 7,758

23. Design Manager

- Median Base Salary: \$106,500
- Number of Job Openings: 510

24. Analytics Manager

- Median Base Salary: \$106,000
- Number of Job Openings: 988

25. Information Systems Manager

- Median Base Salary: \$106,000
- Number of Job Openings: 147