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Occupation Outlook

This investigation focuses on the fastest growing occupations in the United States and in Illinois. The name of the occupation is listed in one column and the other has the percent of growth expected for each category. Select one of the occupations from either of the two charts (U.S. or Illinois).

Fastest Growing Occupations in the United States

Occupation	Percent of Growth
Solar Photovoltaic Installers	104.9%
Wind turbine service technicians	96.3%
Home Health Aides	47.3%
Physician Assistants	37.3%
Nurse Practitioners	36.1%
Statisticians	33.8%
Software Developers	30.7%
Physical Therapist Aides	29.4%
Bicycle Repairers	29.3%
Information Security Analysts	27.4%
Forest Fire Inspectors & Prevention Specialists	26.6%
Derrick Operators, Oil and Gas	25.7%
Roustabouts, Oil and Gas	24.7%
Rotary Drill Operators, Oil and Gas	24.2%

Fastest Growing Occupations in Illinois

Occupation	Percent of Growth
Nurse practitioners	38%
Statisticians	32%
Occupational Therapy Aides	28%
Operations Research Analysts	28%
Software Developers, Applications	28%
Orthotists and Prosthetists	27%
Home Health Aides	25%
Mathematicians	25%
Physician Assistants	25%
Actuaries	23%
Hearing Aid Specialists	23%
Information Security Analysts	23%
Flight Attendants	20%

"CareerOneStop." *CareerOneStop*, 3 Feb. 2017, www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/careers/fastest-growing-careers.aspx?location=WA&#page=1.

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics <https://www.bls.gov/emp/tables/emp-by-major-occupational-group.htm>, <https://www.bls.gov/emp/tables/fastest-growing-occupations.htm>, <https://www.bls.gov/emp/tables/occupations-most-job-growth.htm>

Some of these careers may be unfamiliar to you. This investigation will help answer some of the questions you have. Using resources found in the library, as well as internet sites, complete the information below.

What career will you be investigating: _____

Career Overview: What is a typical workday like for workers in this career? What type of environment do they work in? What type of hours do they work? Be specific with your answers.

Education/Training: What special education and/or training is required for this career?

Necessary skills: What special skills, talent, or experience is required for this career?

Salary: What is the average beginning salary for workers in this career? What is the average salary for workers who have worked in this career for a while?

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Related Careers: Are there any other careers that are similar to your selection? If not, what types of workers do people in this occupation work with?

Career Fit: Do you think this would be a good career for you? Why or why not?

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