

Northwest Ohio - Economic Development Region 2
Fastest Growing Occupations
2004-2014

Occupational Title	Percent Change	Total Annual Openings	Average Wage 2006*
Home Health Aides	55.6%	197	\$9.71
Crossing Guards	50.0%	20	\$9.46
Computer Software Engineers, Applications	48.7%	23	\$33.13
Medical Assistants	48.1%	105	\$12.62
Network Systems & Data Comm. Analysts	45.2%	18	\$32.73**
Dental Hygienists	41.2%	25	\$26.66
Dental Assistants	41.1%	65	\$13.18
Massage Therapists	38.0%	29	\$15.19
Occupational Therapists	35.0%	19	\$32.03
Physical Therapists	33.3%	25	\$36.37
Physical Therapist Aides	33.3%	11	\$10.99
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Work.	30.0%	19	\$18.98
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	28.6%	7	\$25.67
Personal Financial Advisors	27.3%	9	\$42.02
Skin Care Specialists	26.9%	12	\$10.39
Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	26.7%	23	\$9.03**
Internists, General	25.7%	14	\$86.74
Respiratory Therapists	25.7%	41	\$21.63
Pharmacy Technicians	25.4%	23	\$12.66
Insurance Underwriters	25.0%	5	\$26.68**
Database Administrators	25.0%	7	\$30.02
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	25.0%	20	\$27.44
Mental Health Counselors	25.0%	14	\$17.86
Optometrists	25.0%	6	\$61.71
Medical and Public Health Social Workers	24.4%	17	\$21.05
Social and Human Service Assistants	24.3%	31	\$12.59
Surgeons	24.2%	12	\$195,510+
Registered Nurses	24.1%	430	\$25.88
Employment, Recruitment & Placement Specialists	23.8%	16	\$19.71
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	23.4%	24	\$16.33

*May 2005 wages aged to April 2006. Toledo MSA used when EDR wage not available.

+Annual earnings. Toledo wage used.

**Statewide wage used.

Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Bureau of Labor Market Information, July 2007.