

# Iowa's Last-Dollar Scholarship Statewide High Demand Occupations, Academic Year 26-27



## 2024 Iowa Wage Report Entry-Level Hourly Wages [workforce.iowa.gov/lds-opportunities](https://workforce.iowa.gov/lds-opportunities)

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### Advanced Manufacturing Production, Installation, & Maintenance

- Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians (\$20.90)
- Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics (\$16.02)
- Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists (\$19.00)
- Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Operators (\$19.26)
- Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers (\$21.88)
- Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service Technicians (\$20.17)
- Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers (\$20.42)
- Industrial Machinery Mechanics (\$23.43)
- Machinists (\$19.94)
- Maintenance Workers, Machinery (\$24.45)
- Millwrights (\$21.22)
- Tool & Die Makers (\$21.96)
- Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers (\$19.35)
- Welding, Soldering, & Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, & Tenders (\$20.27)
- Wind Turbine Service Technicians (\$24.11)

### Construction & Engineering

- Carpenters (\$17.98)
- Civil Engineering Technologists & Technicians (\$22.12)
- Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technologists & Technicians (\$20.65)
- Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers (\$32.05)
- Electricians (\$20.40)
- Mechanical Drafters (\$24.29)
- Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters (\$21.03)

### Healthcare & Biosciences

- Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (\$32.71)
- Emergency Medical Technicians (\$15.25)
- Health Information Technologists & Medical Registrars (\$22.44)
- Health Technologists & Technicians, All Other (\$17.48)
- Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses (\$22.41)
- Medical Records Specialists (\$18.76)
- Occupational Therapy Assistants (\$24.41)
- Paramedics (\$20.59)
- Pharmacy Technicians (\$16.60)
- Physical Therapist Assistants (\$21.52)
- Radiologic Technologists & Technicians (\$23.97)
- Registered Nurses (\$29.21)
- Respiratory Therapists (\$27.29)
- Surgical Technologists (\$20.56)

### Information Technology

- Computer Network Architects (\$38.93)
- Computer Network Support Specialists (\$23.64)
- Computer Occupations, All Other (\$25.72)
- Computer Programmers (\$28.03)
- Computer Systems Analysts (\$32.04)
- Computer User Support Specialists (\$19.01)
- Information Security Analysts (\$35.78)
- Software Developers (\$36.05)
- Software Quality Assurance Analysts & Testers (\$24.92)

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#### Sources:

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- 2024 Iowa Wage Report (State of Iowa), [www.iowalmi.gov/iowa-wage-report](https://www.iowalmi.gov/iowa-wage-report)
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (national), <https://www.bls.gov/emp/tables/educational-attainment.htm>

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### Advanced Manufacturing Production, Installation, & Maintenance

- Aircraft Mechanics & Service Technicians (\$43,480)
- Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics (\$33,330)
- Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists (\$39,520)
- Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Operators (\$40,066)
- Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers (\$45,501)
- Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service Technicians (\$41,951)
- Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers (\$42,466)
- Industrial Machinery Mechanics (\$48,725)
- Machinists (\$41,475)
- Maintenance Workers, Machinery (\$50,849)
- Millwrights (\$44,134)
- Tool & Die Makers (\$45,683)
- Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers (\$40,256)
- Welding, Soldering, & Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, & Tenders (\$42,154)
- Wind Turbine Service Technicians (\$50,144)

### Construction & Engineering

- Carpenters (\$37,394)
- Civil Engineering Technologists & Technicians (\$46,019)
- Electrical & Electronics Engineering Technologists & Technicians (\$42,942)
- Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers (\$66,656)
- Electricians (\$42,432)
- Mechanical Drafters (\$50,519)
- Plumbers, Pipefitters, & Steamfitters (\$43,739)

### Healthcare & Biosciences

- Diagnostic Medical Sonographers (\$68,033)
- Emergency Medical Technicians (\$31,714)
- Health Information Technologists & Medical Registrars (\$46,677)
- Health Technologists & Technicians, All Other (\$36,365)
- Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses (\$46,606)
- Medical Records Specialists (\$39,028)
- Occupational Therapy Assistants (\$50,771)
- Paramedics (\$42,828)
- Pharmacy Technicians (\$34,532)
- Physical Therapist Assistants (\$44,767)
- Radiologic Technologists & Technicians (\$49,852)
- Registered Nurses (\$60,749)
- Respiratory Therapists (\$56,755)
- Surgical Technologists (\$42,758)

### Information Technology

- Computer Network Architects (\$80,970)
- Computer Network Support Specialists (\$49,163)
- Computer Occupations, All Other (\$53,498)
- Computer Programmers (\$58,312)
- Computer Systems Analysts (\$66,641)
- Computer User Support Specialists (\$39,541)
- Information Security Analysts (\$74,424)
- Software Developers (\$74,994)
- Software Quality Assurance Analysts & Testers (\$51,832)

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