

2026 - 1st Quarter Opportunity Occupations for Allegheny County

April 2026

What are Opportunity Occupations?

Opportunity Occupations are jobs that pay at least an area's median earnings, and **do not require a bachelor's degree**. They may require a post-secondary credential, some experience, or on-the-job training.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Allegheny County's median annual earnings in 2024 was \$48,208 a year.

\$62,530

Median Salary for Opportunity Occupations in Allegheny County

21,293

Unique Job Postings (January 2026 to March 2026)

144,850

Estimated Number of Jobs in Opportunity Occupations in Allegheny County (2026)

20%

Of All Jobs in Allegheny County (2026)

Most Active Job Postings

01

Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers



Estimated Jobs in 2026: 6,881
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 1,781
Entry Level Wage: \$21.32
Median Annual Wage: \$58,237
Example Job Titles: CDL Driver (Commercial Driver's License Driver, Line Haul Driver, and Semi Truck Driver)
Top Skills Needed: Operation and Control, Monitoring, Critical Thinking, and Reading Comprehension



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Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses



Estimated Jobs in 2026: 3,247
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 769
Entry Level Wage: \$23.07
Median Annual Wage: \$62,530
Example Job Titles: LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse), and Private Duty Licensed Practical Nurse
Top Skills Needed: LPN, Nursing, Registered Nurse, and Nursing Care



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Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 5,005
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 992
Entry Level Wage: \$17.81
Median Annual Wage: \$65,552
Example Job Titles: Sales Leads, Sales Coordinators, and Brand Representatives
Top Skills Needed: Selling Techniques, Marketing, Merchandising, and Customer Relationship Management



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Sales Representatives of Services, Except Advertising, Insurance, Financial Services, and Travel

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 5,378
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 725
Entry Level Wage: \$16.97
Median Annual Wage: \$61,915
Example Job Titles: Sales Leads, Sales Coordinators, and Brand Representatives
Top Skills Needed: Selling Techniques, Marketing, Merchandising, and Customer Relationship Management



03

Maintenance and Repair Workers

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 7,215
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 954
Entry Level Wage: \$15.57
Median Annual Wage: \$49,946
Example Job Titles: Maintenance Technicians, Field Service Technicians, and Handymen
Top Skills Needed: Plumbing, HVAC, Carpentry, Painting, and Field Service Management



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First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 8,055
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 673
Entry Level Wage: \$21.39
Median Annual Wage: \$65,478
Example Job Titles: Office Managers, Office Administrators, and Administrative Coordinators
Top Skills Needed: Accounting, Project Management, Office Management, and Auditing



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Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics



Estimated Jobs in 2026: 3,452
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 565
Entry Level Wage: \$16.96
Median Annual Wage: \$48,823
Example Job Titles: *Automotive Technicians, Automotive Mechanics, and Lube Technicians*
Top Skills Needed: *Automotive Services, Changing Oil, Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certification, and Valid Driver's License*



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Computer User Support Specialists



Estimated Jobs in 2026: 3,925
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 245
Entry Level Wage: \$18.65
Median Annual Wage: \$60,312
Example Job Titles: *Help Desk Analysts, Help Desk Technicians, and IT Support Specialists*
Top Skills Needed: *Technical Support, Help Desk Support, Computer Science, and Operating Systems*



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Radiologic Technologists and Technicians



Estimated Jobs in 2026: 1,105
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 409
Entry Level Wage: \$25.64
Median Annual Wage: \$65,633
Example Job Titles: *Radiology Technicians and Mammography Technologists*
Top Skills Needed: *Patient Preparation, Radiology, Radiography, and Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification*



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Construction and Building Inspectors

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 924
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 235
Entry Level Wage: \$23.42
Median Annual Wage: \$65,256
Example Job Titles: *Construction Inspectors, Roof Inspectors, and Site Inspectors*
Top Skills Needed: *Valid Driver's License, Construction, Construction Inspection, and Construction Management*



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Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 926
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 334
Entry Level Wage: \$18.53
Median Annual Wage: \$58,063
Example Job Titles: *Expeditor, Inventory Control, Specialists, and Production Assistant*
Top Skills Needed: *Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Time Management, and Critical Thinking*



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Paralegals and Legal Assistants



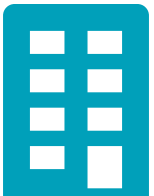
Estimated Jobs in 2026: 2,083
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 227
Entry Level Wage: \$21.19
Median Annual Wage: \$64,486
Example Job Titles: *Certified Paralegal, Legal Analyst, and Real Estate Paralegal*
Top Skills Needed: *Legal Pleadings, Legal Discovery, Billing, and Proofreading*



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Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 1,398
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 275
Entry Level Wage: \$22.07
Median Annual Wage: \$68,038
Example Job Titles: *Apartment Manager, Leasing Manager, and Property Manager*
Top Skills Needed: *Reading Comprehension, Coordination, and Active Listening*



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Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers



Estimated Jobs in 2026: 2,083
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 219
Entry Level Wage: \$23.53
Median Annual Wage: \$61,800
Example Job Titles: *HVAC Technicians, HVAC Installers, and HVAC Mechanics*
Top Skills Needed: *Preventative Maintenance, Power Tool Operation, and Control Systems*



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First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 2,139
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 248
Entry Level Wage: \$23.81
Median Annual Wage: \$78,306
Example Job Titles: *Maintenance Manager, Facility Maintenance Supervisor, and Service Manager*
Top Skills Needed: *Monitoring, Management of Personnel Records, and Coordination*



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Dental Assistants



Estimated Jobs in 2026: 1,421
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 209
Entry Level Wage: \$18.36
Median Annual Wage: \$50,399
Example Job Titles: *Dental Assistants and Orthodontic Assistants*
Top Skills Needed: *Patient Education and Counseling, Radiology Certification, Dentistry, and Patient Comfort*



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Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 1,737
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 207
Entry Level Wage: \$17.54
Median Annual Wage: \$50,360
Example Job Titles: *Quality Assurance Inspector, Quality Control Technician, and Test Technician*
Top Skills Needed: *Quality Control Analysis, Writing, and Judgement, and Decision Making*



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Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 614
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 165
Entry Level Wage: \$18.98
Median Annual Wage: \$50,879
Example Job Titles: *Cardiac Monitor Technicians, EKG Technicians, and Echo Sonographers*
Top Skills Needed: *Electrocardiography, Cardiology, and Basic Life Support (BLS) Certification*



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Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 820
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 187
Entry Level Wage: \$25.38
Median Annual Wage: \$100,715
Example Job Titles: *Distribution Manager, Shipping Manager, and Warehouse Supervisor*
Top Skills Needed: *Monitoring, Critical Thinking, Time Management, and Reading Comprehension*



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Surgical Technologists

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 696
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 136
Entry Level Wage: \$22.74
Median Annual Wage: \$62,508
Example Job Titles: *Surgical Technologists and Travel Surgical Technologists*
Top Skills Needed: *CPR, Certified Surgical Technologists (CST), and Surgical Technology*



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Dental Hygienists

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 983
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 185
Entry Level Wage: \$32.74
Median Annual Wage: \$81,064
Example Job Titles: *Dental Hygienists, Hygienists, and Hygiene Assistants*
Top Skills Needed: *Dental Hygiene, Dental Hygiene License, Patient Advocacy, and Preventative Care*



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Chefs and Head Cooks

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 847
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 131
Entry Level Wage: \$18.70
Median Annual Wage: \$61,852
Example Job Titles: *Sous Chef, Executive Chef, and Pastry Chef*
Top Skills Needed: *Food Safety and Sanitation, Cooking, Food Preparation, and Restaurant Operation*



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Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 308
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 177
Entry Level Wage: \$21.51
Median Annual Wage: \$79,610
Example Job Titles: *CT/MRI Technologists, Lead CT Technologists, and Radiology Technologists*
Top Skills Needed: *Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Radiology, and American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) Certification*



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Loan Interviewers and Clerks

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 751
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 122
Entry Level Wage: \$18.37
Median Annual Wage: \$48,960
Example Job Titles: *Financial Solutions Specialist, Closing Coordinator, and Loan Processors*
Top Skills Needed: *Finance, Auditing, Underwriting, and Workflow Management*



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Construction Laborers

Estimated Jobs in 2026: 5,688
Jan. to March 2026 Job Postings: 172
Entry Level Wage: \$16.86
Median Annual Wage: \$51,031
Example Job Titles: *General Laborer, Construction Laborer, and Laborers*
Top Skills Needed: *Hand Tools, Painting, Construction, and Power Tool Operation*



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