

2024 - 1st Quarter Opportunity Occupations for Allegheny County

May 2024

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 2022 was \$46,064 a year.

\$58,644

Median Advertised Salary for Opportunity Occupations in Allegheny County

14,289

Unique Job Postings
(Jan. 2024 to March 2024)

127,902

Estimated Number of Jobs in Opportunity Occupations in Allegheny (2024)

18%

Of All Jobs in Allegheny County (2024)

Most Active Job Postings

01

Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 3,189
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 2,055
Entry Level Wage: \$22.85

Median Annual Earnings: \$54,347
Example Job Titles: *Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), Charge Nurse, and Office Nurse*
Top Skills Needed: *Service Orientation, Coordination, Social Perceptiveness, Active Listening, and Monitoring*



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First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 8,680
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 711
Entry Level Wage: \$18.68

Median Annual Earnings: \$62,032
Example Job Titles: *Office Manager, Accounting Manager, and Customer Service Manager*
Top Skills Needed: *Active Listening, Coordination, Monitoring, Reading Comprehension, and Social Perceptiveness*

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



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 4,786
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 1,068
Entry Level Wage: \$19.29
Median Annual Earnings: \$72,736
Example Job Titles: *Sales Representative, Sales Consultant, and Salesperson*
Top Skills Needed: *Active Listening, Speaking, Negotiation, Persuasion, and Social Perceptiveness*

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Computer User Support Specialists



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 3,881
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 426
Entry Level Wage: \$17.39
Median Annual Earnings: \$55,553
Example Job Titles: *Computer Support Specialist, Help Desk Technician, and IT Specialist*
Top Skills Needed: *Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking, Critical thinking, and Complex Problem Solving*
*****Apprenticeship Opportunities Available*****

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Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 7,086
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 1,040
Entry Level Wage: \$18.17
Median Annual Earnings: \$51,747
Example Job Titles: *CDL Drive (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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First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 2,592
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 301
Entry Level Wage: \$21.65
Median Annual Earnings: \$70,669
Example Job Titles: *Maintenance Manager, Facility Maintenance Supervisor, and Service Manager*
Top Skills Needed: *Monitoring, Management of Personnel Resources, Coordination, Critical Thinking, and Judgment and Decision Making*



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Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers

Estimated Jobs in 2024: 499

Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 251

Entry Level Wage: \$29.99

Median Annual Earnings: \$102,732

Example Job Titles: *Distribution Manager, Shipping Manager, and Warehouse Supervisor*

Top Skills Needed: *Active Listening, Critical Thinking, Speaking, Monitoring, and Reading Comprehension*



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Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers

Estimated Jobs in 2024: 1,747

Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 223

Entry Level Wage: \$15.40

Median Annual Earnings: \$46,704

Example Job Titles: *Quality Assurance Inspector, Quality Control Technician, and Test Technician*

Top Skills Needed: *Quality Control Analysis, Critical Thinking, Writing, Active Listening, and Judgement and Decision Making*



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Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks

Estimated Jobs in 2024: 1,066

Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 247

Entry Level Wage: \$15.43

Median Annual Earnings: \$51,429

Example Job Titles: *Expeditor, Inventory Control Specialist, and Production Assistant*

Top Skills Needed: *Reading Comprehension, Speaking, Active Listening, Time Management, and Critical Thinking*



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Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 635

Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 192

Entry Level Wage: \$17.70

Median Annual Earnings: \$50,811

Example Job Titles: *Cardiac Technician, Electrocardiogram Technician, and Cardiology Technician*

Top Skills Needed: *Active Listening, Critical Thinking, Monitoring, Operations Monitoring, and Speaking*



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Property, Real Estate, and Community Association Managers

Estimated Jobs in 2024: 1,213

Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 246

Entry Level Wage: \$21.39

Median Annual Earnings: \$63,321

Example Job Titles: *Apartment Manger, Leasing Manager, and Property Manager*

Top Skills Needed: *Speaking, Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Coordination, and Writing*



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Construction Laborers

Estimated Jobs in 2024: 5,827

Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 186

Entry Level Wage: \$15.91

Median Annual Earnings: \$49,922

Example Job Titles: *Construction Worker, Equipment Operator (EO), and Scaffolding Operator*

Top Skills Needed: *Speaking, Active Listening, Coordination, Operation and Control, and Operations Monitoring*

*****[Apprenticeship Opportunities Available](#)*****



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Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologist



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 381

Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 240

Entry Level Wage: \$19.00

Median Annual Earnings: \$80,106

Example Job Titles: *MRI Tech (Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technician), MRI Specialist, and MRI Coordinator*

Top Skills Needed: *Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Monitoring, Operations Monitoring, and Speaking*



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Paralegals and Legal Assistants



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 1,983

Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 175

Entry Level Wage: \$18.82

Median Annual Earnings: \$66,025

Example Job Titles: *Certified Paralegal, Legal Analyst, and Real Estate Paralegal*

Top Skills Needed: *Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Speaking, Writing, and Critical Thinking*



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First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers

Estimated Jobs in 2024: 2,057

Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 235

Entry Level Wage: \$21.91

Median Annual Earnings: \$67,290

Example Job Titles: *Line Supervisor, Production Manager, and Quality Assurance Supervisor*

Top Skills Needed: *Active Listening, Management of Personnel Resources, Speaking, Time Management, and Coordination*



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Radiologic Technologists and Technicians



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 1,265

Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 173

Entry Level Wage: \$23.72

Median Annual Earnings: \$62,824

Example Job Titles: *Radiology Technician, X-Ray Technician, Computed tomography Technologist (CT Tech)*

Top Skills Needed: *Active Listening, Social Perceptiveness, Reading Comprehension, Service Orientation, and Speaking*



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Chefs and Head Cooks



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 753
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 173
Entry Level Wage: \$20.39
Median Annual Earnings: \$53,125
Example Job Titles: Chef, Executive Chef, and Kitchen Manager
Top Skills Needed: Coordination, Monitoring, Speaking, Time Management, and Active Listening



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Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 2,032
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 155
Entry Level Wage: \$17.79
Median Annual Earnings: \$52,076
Example Job Titles: A/C Tech, Refrigeration Technician, and HVAC Service Tech
Top Skills Needed: Operations Monitoring, Critical Thinking, Troubleshooting, Installation, and Reading Comprehension
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Dental Hygienists



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 988
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 172
Entry Level Wage: \$32.15
Median Annual Earnings: \$73,279
Example Job Titles: Dental Hygienist, Licensed Dental Hygienist, and Pediatric Dental Hygienist
Top Skills Needed: Active Listening, Critical Thinking, Speaking, Monitoring, and Service Orientation



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Electricians



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 2,754
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 146
Entry Level Wage: \$19.51
Median Annual Earnings: \$64,153
Example Job Titles: Electrician, Electrical Journey Person, and Maintenance Electrician
Top Skills Needed: Troubleshooting, Repairing, Critical Thinking, Active Listening, and Speaking
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Surgical Technologist



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 602
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 119
Entry Level Wage: \$20.67
Median Annual Earnings: \$50,325
Example Job Titles: Certified Surgical Technician, Operating Room Technician (OR Tech), and Surgical Technologist (Surgical Tech)
Top Skills Needed: Monitoring, Active Listening, Operations Monitoring, Coordination, Critical Thinking



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Insurance Sales Agent



Estimated Jobs in 2024: 2,754
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 146
Entry Level Wage: \$19.51
Median Annual Earnings: \$64,153
Example Job Titles: Insurance Agent, Insurance Broker, and Underwriting Sales Representative
Top Skills Needed: Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Speaking, Critical Thinking, and Persuasion



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Automotive Body and Related Repairers

Estimated Jobs in 2024: 646
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 164
Entry Level Wage: \$17.51
Median Annual Earnings: \$48,547
Example Job Titles: Auto Body Repairman, Body Technician, and Collision Technician
Top Skills Needed: Repairing, Troubleshooting, Active Listening, Monitoring, and Critical Thinking



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Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping

Estimated Jobs in 2024: 564
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 136
Entry Level Wage: \$17.77
Median Annual Earnings: \$48,067
Example Job Titles: Human Resources Assistant, HR Assistant and Personnel Clerk
Top Skills Needed: Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking, Critical Thinking, and Writing



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Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants

Estimated Jobs in 2024: 1,926
Jan. to Mar. 2024 Job Postings: 157
Entry Level Wage: \$22.73
Median Annual Earnings: \$64,625
Example Job Titles: Administrative Aide, Administrative Assistant and Office Assistant
Top Skills Needed: Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Speaking, Service Orientation, and Writing



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