

Occupational Employment and Wages in Rochester, NY — May 2025

Workers in the Rochester, NY Metropolitan Statistical Area had an average (mean) hourly wage of \$32.41 in May 2025, compared to the nationwide average of \$33.54, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today. Regional Commissioner Mark J. Maggi noted that higher paying major occupational groups included management (\$69.48) and legal (\$61.37). Lower paying occupational groups included healthcare support (\$19.60), personal care and service (\$19.62), and food preparation and serving related (\$19.70). (See [table A](#).)

Office and administrative support occupations accounted for 12.0 percent of Rochester area employment, followed by educational instruction and library occupations (9.1 percent). Major occupational groups on the lower end of local employment included legal (0.7 percent); life, physical, and social science (0.9 percent); and arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media (1.3 percent).

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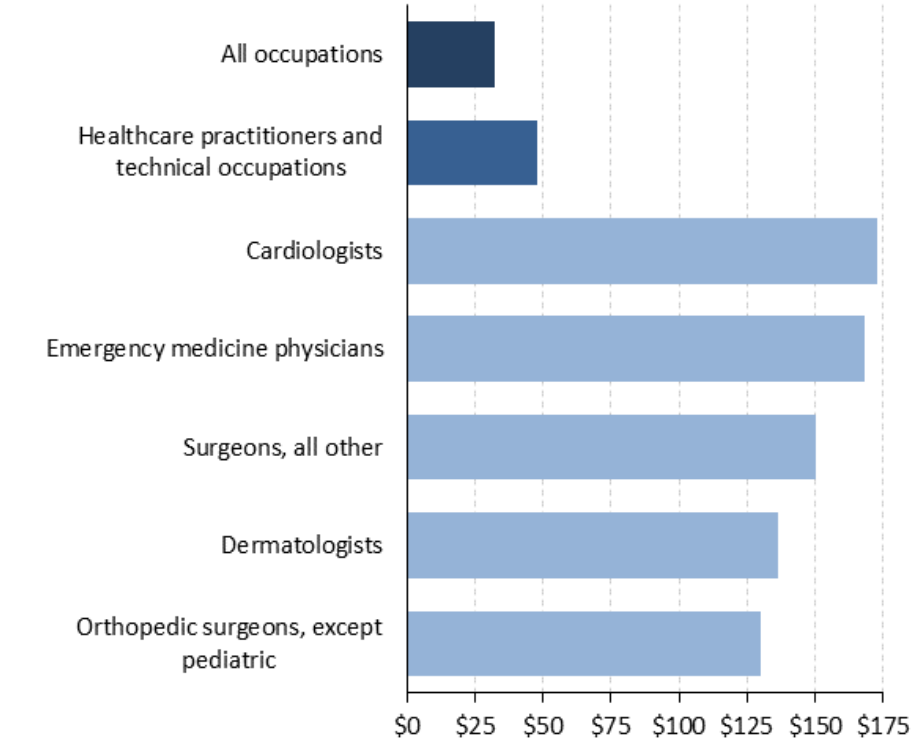
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Table A. Occupational employment and wages by major occupational group, United States and the Rochester metropolitan area, May 2025

Major occupational group	Percent of total employment		Mean hourly wage (\$)	
	United States	Rochester	United States	Rochester
Total, all occupations	100.0	100.0	33.54	32.41
Management	7.2	5.6	69.84	69.48
Business and financial operations	6.8	5.6	45.78	43.62
Computer and mathematical	3.4	2.9	57.73	48.65
Architecture and engineering	1.7	1.9	51.36	45.66
Life, physical, and social science	0.9	0.9	45.48	40.44
Community and social service	1.7	2.4	30.49	28.82
Legal	0.8	0.7	67.07	61.37
Educational instruction and library	5.9	9.1	32.47	36.07
Arts, design, entertainment, sports, and media	1.3	1.3	38.36	36.84
Healthcare practitioners and technical	6.3	7.4	52.26	47.85
Healthcare support	5.1	5.7	19.62	19.60
Protective service	2.4	2.4	29.19	30.76
Food preparation and serving related	8.8	8.2	17.86	19.70
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	2.9	3.2	19.66	20.27
Personal care and service	2.1	2.0	19.74	19.62
Sales and related	8.6	7.7	26.43	26.47
Office and administrative support	11.4	12.0	24.79	24.65
Farming, fishing, and forestry	0.3	0.1	19.96	21.96
Construction and extraction	4.1	3.8	31.42	32.46
Installation, maintenance, and repair	3.9	3.9	30.44	29.86
Production	5.5	6.0	24.81	24.42
Transportation and material moving	8.8	7.2	23.96	22.35

One occupational group—healthcare practitioners and technical—was chosen to illustrate the diversity of data available for any of the 22 major occupational categories. Rochester had 36,730 jobs in healthcare practitioners and technical, accounting for 7.4 percent of local area employment, compared to the 6.3-percent share nationally. The average hourly wage for this occupational group locally was \$47.85, compared to the national wage of \$52.26.

Chart 1. Hourly mean wages for selected higher paying healthcare practitioners and technical occupations in the Rochester metropolitan area, May 2025



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Some of the larger detailed occupations within the healthcare practitioners and technical group included registered nurses (12,340) and licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses (3,330). Among the higher paying jobs in this group were cardiologists (\$172.54) and emergency medicine physicians (\$168.23). (See [chart 1](#).) At the lower end of the wage scale were pharmacy technicians (\$20.81) and emergency medical technicians (\$20.83). (Detailed data for the healthcare practitioners and technical occupations are presented in [table 1](#); for a complete listing of detailed occupations available go to [data.bls.gov/oes/#/area/0040380/2025](#).)

Location quotients allow us to explore the occupational make-up of a metropolitan area by comparing the composition of jobs in an area relative to the national average. (See [table 1](#).) For example, a location quotient of 2.00 indicates that an occupation accounts for twice the share of employment in the area than it does nationally. In the Rochester area, above-average concentrations of employment were found in some of the occupations within the healthcare practitioners and technical group. For instance, physician assistants were employed at 2.38 times the national rate in Rochester, and nurse practitioners, at 1.84 times the U.S. average. Pharmacists had a location quotient of 1.04 in Rochester, indicating that this particular occupation’s local and national employment shares were similar.

The statistics in this release are from the Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) survey, a cooperative effort between BLS and the State Workforce Agencies (SWAs). BLS funds the survey and provides the procedures and technical support. State Workforce Agencies collect most of the data: in this case, the New York State Department of Labor.

Federal Government Shutdown

Because of the lapse in federal appropriations from October 1 through November 12, 2025, additional collection and processing time were required for the May 2025 OEWS survey panel once appropriations resumed. The response rate for the May 2025 survey panel was within the normal range and no additional modifications to the OEWS methodology and procedures were necessary as a result of the shutdown.

Technical Note

The Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics (OEWS) survey is a semiannual survey measuring occupational employment and wage rates for wage and salary workers in nonfarm establishments in the United States. The OEWS data available from BLS include cross-industry occupational employment and wage estimates for the nation; over 530 areas, including states and the District of Columbia, metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs), nonmetropolitan areas, and territories; national industry-specific estimates at the NAICS sector, 3-digit, most 4-digit, and selected 5- and 6-digit industry levels; and national estimates by ownership across all industries and for schools and hospitals. Full [OEWS data tables](#) are available online.

Additional information about the OEWS estimates and methodology is available in the national [Technical Notes](#). The overall national response rate for the six panels, based on the 50 states and the District of Columbia, is 66.2 percent based on establishments and 67.2 percent based on weighted sampled employment. The sample in the Rochester, NY Metropolitan Statistical Area included 3,257 establishments with a response rate of 77 percent.

Metropolitan area definitions

The substate area data published in this release reflect the standards and definitions established by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget.

The **Rochester, NY Metropolitan Statistical Area** includes Livingston County, Monroe County, Ontario County, Orleans County, and Wayne County.

For more information

Answers to [frequently asked questions](#) about the OEWS data, as well as general [program documentation](#), are available on the [OEWS website](#).

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Table 1. Employment and wage data for healthcare practitioners and technical occupations, Rochester metropolitan area, May 2025

Occupation (1)	Employment		Mean wages (\$)	
	Level (2)	Location quotient (3)	Hourly	Annual (4)

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Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations	36,730	1.18	47.85	99,520
Chiropractors	90	0.73	46.70	97,140
Dentists, general	430	1.09	78.13	162,510
Dietitians and nutritionists	310	1.25	35.92	74,710
Optometrists	120	0.90	69.93	145,460
Pharmacists	1,070	1.04	65.97	137,220
Physician assistants	1,230	2.38	63.83	132,760
Podiatrists	50	1.65	69.87	145,340
Occupational therapists	740	1.43	40.48	84,190
Physical therapists	1,140	1.34	42.09	87,550
Recreational therapists	90	1.91	29.63	61,630
Respiratory therapists	410	0.93	42.03	87,410
Speech-language pathologists	950	1.63	40.50	84,250
Therapists, all other	120	1.68	34.86	72,520
Veterinarians	200	0.74	62.88	130,790
Registered nurses	12,340	1.15	44.35	92,250
Nurse anesthetists	140	0.83	125.59	261,220
Nurse midwives	30	1.37	62.40	129,800
Nurse practitioners	1,890	1.84	61.15	127,190
Audiologists	70	1.60	46.67	97,080
Anesthesiologists	200	1.62	124.27	258,480
Cardiologists	90	1.67	172.54	358,890
Dermatologists	40	1.20	136.33	283,570
Emergency medicine physicians	180	1.74	168.23	349,910
Family medicine physicians	190	0.56	120.82	251,310
General internal medicine physicians	350	1.62	79.08	164,480
Neurologists	(5)	(5)	105.30	219,010
Obstetricians and gynecologists	170	2.58	99.39	206,720
Pediatricians, general	190	1.54	65.79	136,850
Physicians, pathologists	60	1.75	(5)	(5)
Psychiatrists	130	1.42	119.43	248,410
Radiologists	120	1.38	66.85	139,050
Physicians, all other	710	0.65	124.75	259,470
Ophthalmologists, except pediatric	40	1.50	128.84	268,000
Orthopedic surgeons, except pediatric	90	1.94	130.17	270,740
Surgeons, all other	120	1.45	150.05	312,090
Dental hygienists	940	1.33	42.68	88,770
Healthcare diagnosing or treating practitioners, all other	30	0.35	51.22	106,530
Clinical laboratory technologists and technicians	1,140	1.08	37.03	77,010
Cardiovascular technologists and technicians	100	0.51	40.52	84,290
Diagnostic medical sonographers	400	1.38	41.98	87,320
Nuclear medicine technologists	50	0.99	49.07	102,060
Radiologic technologists and technicians	650	0.89	36.74	76,410
Magnetic resonance imaging technologists	250	1.83	41.34	85,990
Emergency medical technicians	650	1.13	20.83	43,330
Paramedics	380	1.19	31.52	65,560
Dietetic technicians	40	0.42	22.31	46,400

Footnotes:

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(2) Estimates for detailed occupations may not sum to the totals due to rounding, and because the totals may include occupations that are not shown separately. Estimates do not include self-employed workers.

(3) The location quotient is the ratio of the area concentration of occupational employment to the national average concentration. A location quotient greater than one indicates the occupation has a higher share of employment than average, and a location quotient less than one indicates the occupation is less prevalent in the area than average.

(4) Annual wages have been calculated by multiplying the hourly mean wage by a 'year-round, full-time' hours figure of 2,080 hours; for those occupations where there is not an hourly mean wage published, the annual wage has been directly calculated from the reported survey data.

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Pharmacy technicians	1,830	1.22	20.81	43,290
Psychiatric technicians	120	0.23	23.77	49,450
Surgical technologists	340	0.92	29.72	61,810
Veterinary technologists and technicians	320	0.79	25.12	52,250
Ophthalmic medical technicians	300	1.33	23.05	47,940
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	3,330	1.61	30.04	62,470
Medical records specialists	500	0.81	25.88	53,830
Opticians, dispensing	240	1.05	29.99	62,370
Orthotists and prosthetists	30	1.00	39.81	82,800
Health technologists and technicians, all other	410	0.71	29.00	60,320
Health information technologists and medical registrars	110	0.87	34.47	71,700
Athletic trainers	140	1.40	(6)	63,940

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