

# THE HARD FACTS:

## INFORMATION ABOUT OTHER POPULAR CAREER CHOICES

Below are the jobs that Gulf Coast residents most often state as their career goals. Compare the wages and available openings each year for these jobs with those of the other jobs in this magazine. You might find that you can pursue your skills, interests, values, and passion through another pathway that might make more money and have more job openings.

PROFESSION	MEDIAN WAGE	EMPLOYMENT GROWTH	MINIMUM EDUCATION	ANNUAL AVERAGE JOB OPENINGS
Actors	\$10.63	14.7%	Some college, no degree	15
Dancers	NA	18.2%	High school diploma or equivalent	10
Musicians and Singers	\$21.43	18.9%	High school diploma or equivalent	130
Fashion Designers	\$25.00	25.0%	High school diploma or equivalent	10
Photographers	\$16.48	12.1%	High school diploma or equivalent	60
Graphic Designers	\$19.34	19.1%	Bachelor's Degree	155
Architects, Except Landscape & Naval	\$35.72	26.2%	Bachelor's degree	200
Cosmetologists*	\$11.34	22.0%	Post-secondary non-degree award	415
Chefs and Head Cooks	\$20.00	21.9%	High school diploma or equivalent	60
Athletes and Sports Competitors	NA	25.0%	High school diploma or equivalent	10
Travel Agents	\$20.53	19.7%	High school diploma or equivalent	45
Pediatricians	\$84.08	22.3%	Doctoral or professional degree	45
Home Health Aides	\$8.78	38.8%	Less than high school	550
Social Workers	\$19.29	14.1%	Bachelor's degree	125
Psychologists**	\$26.74	22.0%	Doctoral or professional degree	90
Veterinarians	\$46.18	14.1%	Doctoral or professional degree	70
Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists	\$29.57	16.7%	Bachelor's degree	5
Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	NA	35.0%	Bachelor's degree	205
Lawyers	\$70.81	21.1%	Doctoral or professional degree	505

\* Certificates awarded in the region per year: 1,453

\*\* Degrees awarded in the region per year: 1,585

\* Annual Average Job Openings includes the total number of jobs available due to replacement or growth per year.

\* Median hourly wage is based on 2013 industry standards

For more detail on career options with high wages and strong job growth in the region, visit [www.wrksolutions.com/focuson](http://www.wrksolutions.com/focuson)

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