

# Illinois Occupations with the Most Openings Each Year

These tables list occupations expected to have the most job openings each year. "Best Bet" occupations (indicated below by a ♦) combine a high growth rate with a large number of annual openings and pay well for the level of training or education. For a complete listing of occupations, wages and skills information, visit LMI Source at [lmi.ides.state.il.us](http://lmi.ides.state.il.us).

## 2 Years of College (Associate's Degree)

Occupational Title	Annual Openings	Hourly Wages		Skills*	Description
		Entry	Experienced		
Registered Nurses ♦	4,024	\$19.85	\$31.76	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Critical Thinking	Assess patient health problems and needs, develop and implement nursing care plans, and maintain medical records.
Computer Support Specialists ♦	660	\$13.73	\$27.28	Troubleshooting, Reading Comprehension, Critical Thinking	Answer questions concerning hardware and software, printing, installation, e-mail, or resolve computer problems for clients.
Medical & Clinical Lab Technicians	280	\$12.19	\$22.47	Reading Comprehension, Active Listening, Speaking	Perform routine medical laboratory tests for the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease.
Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	269	\$9.45	\$16.16	Active Listening, Reading Comprehension, Time Management	Maintain medical records of hospital and clinic patients in a manner consistent with the regulatory requirements of the health care system.
Radiologic Technologist & Technicians ♦	222	\$16.56	\$27.71	Active Listening, Speaking, Reading Comprehension	Take X-rays and CAT scans, magnetic resonance images, and administer nonradioactive materials into patient's blood stream for diagnostic purposes.
Respiratory Therapists	208	\$17.23	\$24.70	Active Listening, Instructing, Reading Comprehension	Assess, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders.
Dental Hygienists	206	\$20.99	\$34.22	Active Listening, Speaking, Reading Comprehension	Clean teeth and examine oral areas, head, and neck for signs of oral disease.
Paralegals & Legal Assistants ♦	198	\$15.35	\$26.43	Reading Comprehension, Time Management, Active Listening	Assist lawyers by researching legal precedent, investigating facts, or preparing legal documents.

\*Top three required skills from O\*NET ([www.ONETcenter.org](http://www.ONETcenter.org))  
 Source: 2004-2014 Long-term Occupational Projections and 2007 Q2 Wages,  
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