

Job and Career Research Due:

1. Read through *three* of the following articles about jobs and careers:

<http://salary.com/8-college-degrees-with-the-worst-return-on-investment/slide/2/>

What was good about this "study"? What was bad?

Overview chart/picture of jobs and their salaries.

<http://online.wsj.com/news/interactive/BISALARYchrt?ref=SB10001424052702303880604579405401129180782>

This is kind of dumb but gives some salaries for interesting careers you haven't thought of.

<http://www.salary.com/the-8-most-overpaid-underpaid-jobs/>

Same:

<http://www.salary.com/hot-jobs-new-college-grads/slide/3/>

Which jobs had the most 'openings' between 2008-2012?

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers/careers/hottest-careers-for-college-graduates>

Which job areas are growing the fastest?

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers/careers/industries-with-the-fastest-and-biggest-growth>

Highest ROI by major. Take this with a grain of salt because of who it is from, but it is still interesting

<https://www.studentloan.com/plan/roi-college-major/>

2. Pick a profession. If you aren't positive yet about what you want to do, it doesn't matter, but pick the one you are most likely to choose after college. Determine what your salary may be, at both the 10th percentile for when you are hired, and the 50th percentile for the average. Use the government's website:

1. Go to http://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm
2. Find your career and click on it. (You can do a control f or apple f search to search by the title of the job you are looking for).
3. Lets say you wanted to be a computer hardware engineer. Find the link, and click on it.

17-2051	Civil Engineers	detail	258,100	1.1%	1.981	\$38.14	\$40.45
17-2061	Computer Hardware Engineers	detail	79,580	3.9%	0.611	\$48.52	\$49.99
17-2070	Electrical and Electronics Engineers	broad	295,520	1.2%	2.268	\$43.09	\$44.89
17-2071	Electrical Engineers	detail	160,560	1.4%	1.232	\$42.27	\$44.14

4. Now it takes us to this page

Employment (1)	Employment RSE (3)	Mean hourly wage	Mean annual wage (2)	Wage RSE (3)
79,580	3.9 %	\$49.99	\$103,980	0.8 %

Percentile wage estimates for this occupation:

Percentile	10%	25%	50% (Median)	75%	90%
Hourly Wage	\$30.75	\$38.27	\$48.52	\$60.45	\$72.18
Annual Wage (2)	\$63,970	\$79,600	\$100,920	\$125,730	\$150,130

Notice that it gives you the salary for the 10th percentile, which is what you will use for your starting salary. For this occupation, it's 63,970! For the average salary, use the 50th percentile, or \$100,920. Man, what am I doing teaching? JK, I make a fine salary, and you should consider teaching because teachers change the world! 😊

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5. Now, write up a short summary for your project on the profession you picked: what you will be doing, why it interests you, what education you need (what major do you need, or graduate degrees?) and what your 10th and 50th percentile salary would be. You can use the college board's website to research info about your degree: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers/careers>

These are other resources to help you pick a career choice and determine the average income. Remember, you won't make the average in the beginning!

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers>

www.payscale.com

www.salary.com

Use can also use the report <http://cew.georgetown.edu/whatsitworth/> to find your salary by major in a lot more detail.