

# Jobs that require a high school diploma or equivalent

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**Table 6. Highest paying occupations that typically require a high school diploma or equivalent for entry, 2017**



| Occupation   | Median annual wage, 2017 [1] | Work experience in a related occupation | On-the-job training | Occupational openings, projected 2016–26 annual average |
|--|------------------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| Nuclear power reactor operators                    | \$93,370                     | None                                    | Long term           | 500   |
| Transportation, storage, and distribution managers | 92,460                       | 5 years or more                         | None                | 9,700   |
| First-line supervisors of police and detectives    | 87,910                       | Less than 5 years                       | Moderate term       | 7,100   |
| Power distributors and dispatchers                 | 82,510                       | None                                    | Long term           | 1,000   |
| Detectives and criminal investigators              | 79,970                       | Less than 5 years                       | Moderate term       | 7,500   |
| Elevator installers and repairers                  | 79,480                       | None                                    | Apprenticeship      | 3,000   |
| Commercial pilots                                  | 78,740                       | None                                    | Moderate term       | 4,000   |

[1] Data exclude wages of self-employed workers.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Office of Occupational Statistics and Employment Projections.