

Best Jobs for Workers Who Want to Get Ahead in 2018

CHICAGO and ATLANTA, Dec. 28, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Whether you are new to the workforce or looking to make a career change in the New Year, CareerBuilder is releasing a list of jobs that can give you the building blocks to jump-start your career and get ahead. The study looks at jobs that are projected to grow over the next five years, present good learning opportunities and, for the most part, don't require a college degree. The study is based on data from Emsi, CareerBuilder's labor market analysis arm that aggregates information from multiple national and local employment resources.

"What employers look for first is whether you have the core competencies for the job," said Matt Ferguson, CEO of CareerBuilder and co-author of *The Talent Equation*. "What is great about working as assistants or in areas like customer service, sales or tech support is that you can quickly build up business acumen while acquiring key skills you can transfer to other types of roles. These jobs are great stepping stones whether you want to move up within that occupation or follow a different career path."

Description	2018 Jobs	2018-2023 Change	Required Education	Avg. Hourly Earnings
Computer User Support Specialist – helpdesk-type roles get exposure to evolving technologies and training for higher skill IT positions	693,704	57,607	Some college, no degree	\$25.53
Human Resource Specialist – working with not only HR, but all functions, allows for a varied skillset which can be applied across the business	548,548	24,824	Bachelor's degree	\$31.20
Administrative Assistant – organizational and multi-tasking skills are core to this role, which serves as the support system for a team with insider knowledge on a wide range of projects and businesses	2,745,769	107,892	High school diploma or equivalent	\$17.38
Customer Service Representatives – provides a great way to become an expert on the company's products while building problem-solving and communication skills	2,804,946	196,417	High school diploma or equivalent	\$16.91
Medical Assistant – provides exposure to both clinical and non-clinical learning opportunities that can open the door to other positions in the industry	667,542	75,649	Post-secondary non-degree award	\$15.79
Retail Salesperson – sales can be one of the most lucrative occupations, and starting in retail is a good way to build confidence, hone people skills and master the art of persuasion	4,523,996	198,187	No formal educational credential	\$13.07

Construction Laborer – great on-the-job training that teaches the fundamentals of the profession	959,471	78,425	No formal educational credential	\$18.22
Teacher Assistant – hands on experience in the classroom that can be transferred to other types of education and training roles	1,351,502	65,900	Some college, no degree	\$13.04

Last year, Capella Learning Solutions and CareerBuilder launched an initiative called [RightSkill](#), which enables workers to upskill and reskill for in-demand jobs within 60 days or less. The program, which is currently free for candidates, teaches competencies online based on real-time data and guidance from employers. See more at www.rightskill.com.

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