

Booming U.S. Job Markets

Is your current career not what you had in mind, or are you preparing to enter higher education but unsure what types of jobs are out there for you? You should know about some of the fastest growing careers in the United States.

Here are a few of the markets in the country that are expected to experience huge growth in the years to come, as reported by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. These growing fields may just take you to places you have never considered.

SOFTWARE DEVELOPER

Forecasted Growth by 2026: 37 percent

Median Annual Wage: \$103,620

This position is unique because, while college degrees in software development are obtainable, many in the industry are self taught. The field is on pace to grow because technology is constantly evolving.

Some experts in the industry create applications that allow people to perform tasks on a computer, while others develop the underlying systems that operate and control networks.

SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLERS

Forecasted Growth by 2026: 104.9 percent

Median Annual Wage: \$342,680

The Solar Energy Industries Association estimates over 242,000



Americans are currently working in solar occupations. With installation costs dropping over 70 percent in the last decade, it's no surprise the industry is expecting huge growth. The need for installers will continue to surge as the country demands more solar dependency.

This position typically requires workers to install systems on roofs or other structures based on site

assessment and schematics.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS FORECASTED

Growth by 2026: 37.3 percent

Median Annual Wage: \$108,610

Constant growth in the demand for healthcare services will continue to increase as the population ages.

The occupation typically requires a master's degree from an accredited education program to receive a license. Since physician assistants can provide much of the same care as physicians, the field will thrive as PAs can be trained more quickly.

GENETIC COUNSELOR

Forecasted Growth by 2026: 29 percent

Median Annual Wage: \$80,370

Genetic counselors have specialized education in both genetics and counseling to personalize treatment and care to specific patients. The growth in the industry is due to scientists continuing to broaden the relationship between human genetics and rare inherited disorders and cancers.