

 BUILDING BLOCKS STUDENT WORKSHEET

# Comparing salaries

Have you ever been asked what you want to be when you grow up? Exploring careers may help you figure out some answers to that question. Researching a few careers and how much they may pay can help you get started.

## Instructions

- 1 Conduct Internet research on salaries for three careers in your state.
- 2 Research the five highest-paying careers in your state.
- 3 Answer the reflection questions.

## Research salaries for three careers

- Visit [careeronestop.org's "Salary Finder" page](https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Wages/find-salary.aspx) at <https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Wages/find-salary.aspx>
- Choose three careers by searching with a keyword or by clicking the "List of Occupations" button.
  - Be sure to enter your city, state, or zip code to get the information for your area.
- Fill in the information about the three careers in the table.



Career	High salary	Median salary	Low salary
1.	\$	\$	\$
2.	\$	\$	\$
3.	\$	\$	\$

**Note:** “Median salary” means that half of the workers in the career earned more than that amount and half earned less.

## Research salaries for the highest-paying careers in your state

- Visit <https://www.careeronestop.org/ExploreCareers/Plan/salaries.aspx>.
- Click the “Highest-Paying Careers” link and select your state using the drop-down list in the “Your search” box on the left.
- Review the information and fill in the table.

Rank	Occupation	Hourly	Annual	Typical education
1		\$		
2		\$		
3		\$		
4		\$		
5		\$		

## Reflection questions

1. What do the occupations with the highest salaries have in common? How are they different?
2. What surprised you about the highest-paying occupations in your state?
3. Which of the occupations you researched today are interesting to you? Why?