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Employment and wages for newly defined occupations

Occupations related to healthcare dominate the list of occupations that are new to the 2010 Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system. But computer occupations led in employment in May 2012, according to data available for the first time from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).
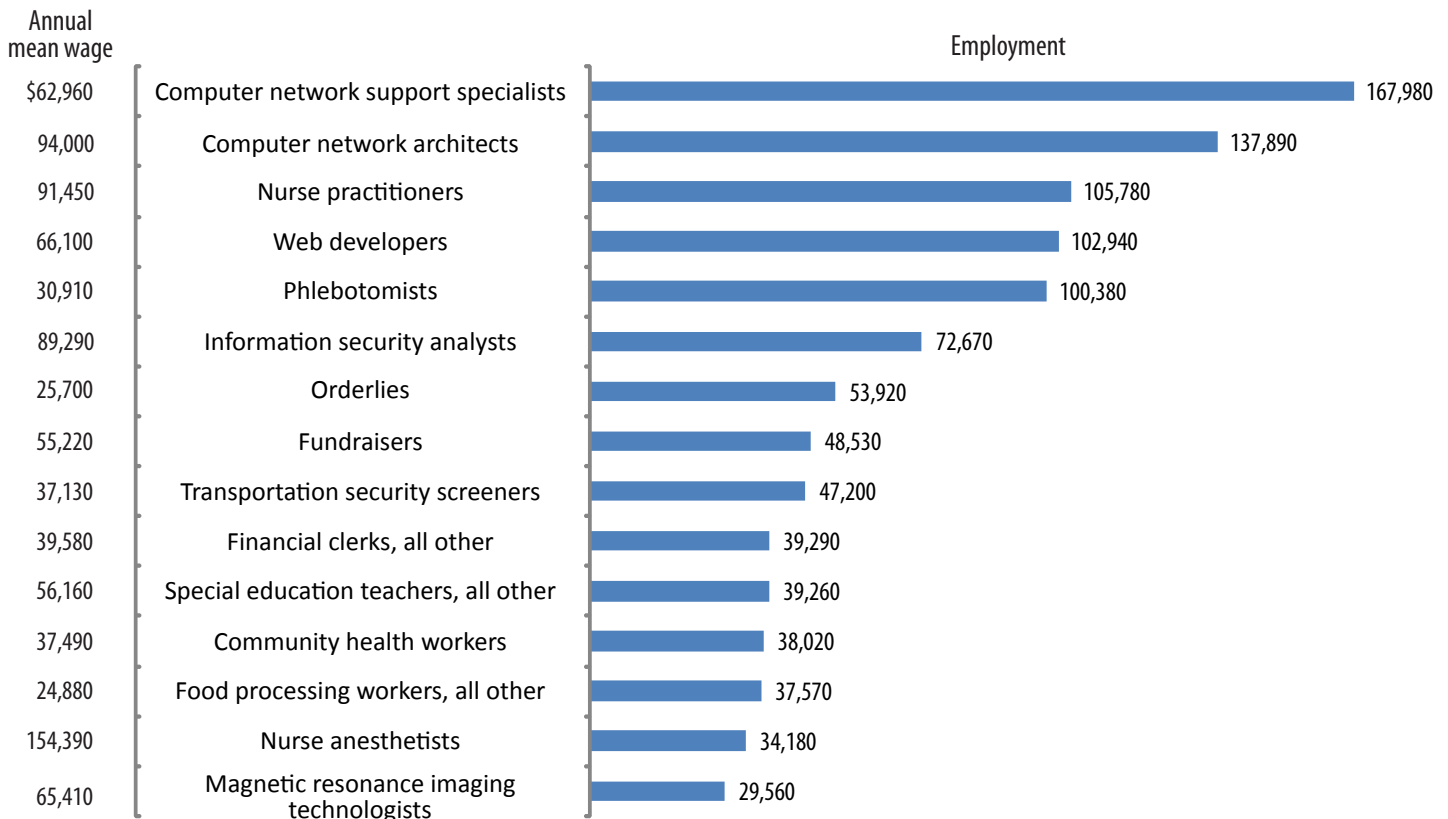
As the chart shows, in May 2012, computer network support specialists was the largest of the newly defined SOC occupations. The four computer-related occupations—computer network support specialists, computer network architects, Web developers, and information security analysts—had total employment of 481,480. These four were also among the highest paying of the new SOC occupations in May 2012.

Five of the occupations in the chart are related to healthcare: nurse practitioners, phlebotomists, orderlies, nurse anesthetists, and magnetic resonance imaging technologists. Another 5 healthcare-related occupations are among the remaining 9 new SOC occupations not shown below. Employment in the 10 new healthcare-related occupations totaled 371,500 in May 2012. In addition, nurse anesthetists led all new SOC occupations with mean wages of $154,390.

These data are from the BLS Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) program and include wage and salary workers only. The May 2012 estimates mark the first time that OES data are based on the 2010 SOC system, which includes 24 newly defined occupations. Occupation profiles are available on the BLS website at **www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_stru.htm**.

National employment and wages for the 15 largest occupations identified as new in the 2010 Standard Occupational Classification system, May 2012

Annual mean wage	Occupation	Employment
$62,960	Computer network support specialists	167,980
94,000	Computer network architects	137,890
91,450	Nurse practitioners	105,780
66,100	Web developers	102,940
30,910	Phlebotomists	100,380
89,290	Information security analysts	72,670
25,700	Orderlies	53,920
55,220	Fundraisers	48,530
37,130	Transportation security screeners	47,200
39,580	Financial clerks, all other	39,290
56,160	Special education teachers, all other	39,260
37,490	Community health workers	38,020
24,880	Food processing workers, all other	37,570
154,390	Nurse anesthetists	34,180
65,410	Magnetic resonance imaging technologists	29,560

Note: Annual wages have been calculated by multiplying the hourly mean wage by a "year-round, full-time" hours figure of 2,080 hours; for those occupations where there is not an hourly mean wage published, the annual wage has been directly calculated from the reported survey data.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics.