

Green technologies and practices at work

Interested in a green job? You might have more options than you realize.

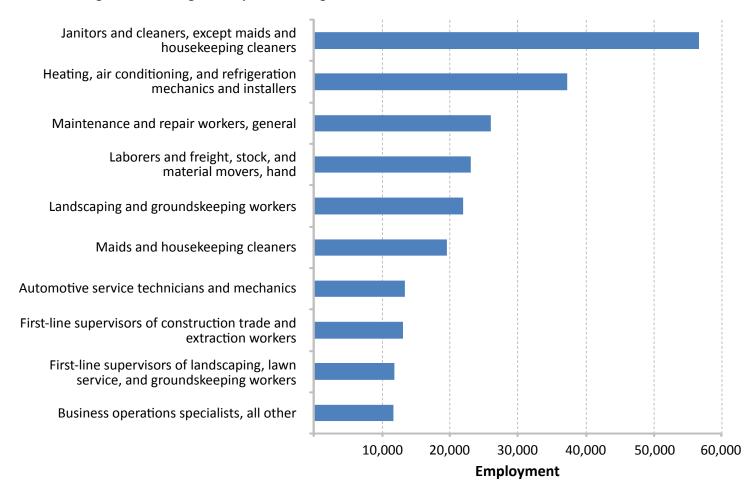
One of the ways that the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has tracked green jobs is by counting jobs in which workers spend more than half their time involved in technologies and practices that lessen the environmental impact of business operations. The chart shows occupations with the most jobs in green technologies and practices, according to BLS. In total, workers held about 854,700 of these jobs in August 2011.

Janitors and cleaners was among occupation with the greatest number of workers involved in green technologies and practices. As part of their job duties, janitors

and cleaners might replace and recycle incandescent light bulbs with more energy-efficient options and use environmentally friendly cleaning products. Heating, air conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers might maintain or install energy-efficient equipment or geothermal heating and cooling systems. And landscaping and groundskeeping workers might design natural outdoor spaces that, compared with traditional settings, require less water, fertilizer, or pesticide.

For more information, see the January 2013 *Monthly Labor Review* visual essay on green technologies and practices at www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/2013/01/art4full.pdf.

Occupations with the most jobs in which workers spent more than half their time involved in green technologies and practices, August 2011



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Green Technologies and Practices Survey.