

The 25 Largest Industries in the United States

Rank	Industry	SIC	1999:1	1998:1	One Year Change in Employment		Average Weekly Wage
			Employment	Employment*	<i>Absolute</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	
1	Health Services	80	9,896	9,779	117	1%	\$462
2	Business Services	73	8,735	8,221	513	6%	\$439
3	Eating and Drinking Places	58	7,589	7,479	110	1%	\$162
4	Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	50	4,079	3,987	92	2%	\$586
5	Special Trade Contractors	17	3,653	3,456	197	6%	\$638
6	Food Stores	54	3,455	3,447	8	0%	\$271
7	Engineering & Management Services	87	3,327	3,093	234	8%	\$682
8	Miscellaneous Retail	59	2,893	2,816	77	3%	\$285
9	Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	51	2,808	2,732	76	3%	\$498
10	Social Services	83	2,728	2,585	143	6%	\$294
11	General Merchandise Stores	53	2,718	2,647	71	3%	\$255
12	Membership Organizations	86	2,364	2,320	44	2%	#N/A
13	Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	55	2,359	2,295	64	3%	\$432
14	Industrial Machinery and Equipment	35	2,147	2,219	-73	-3%	\$621
15	Depository Institutions	60	2,045	2,034	11	1%	\$396
16	Transportation Equipment	37	1,873	1,893	-19	-1%	\$767
17	Trucking and Warehousing	42	1,752	1,680	72	4%	\$539
18	Hotels and Other Lodging Places	70	1,697	1,677	20	1%	#N/A
19	Food and Kindred Products	20	1,659	1,648	12	1%	\$492
20	Electronic & Other Electronic Equipment	36	1,659	1,723	-64	-4%	\$543
21	Insurance Carriers	63	1,625	1,567	58	4%	\$649
22	Printing and Publishing	27	1,556	1,560	-5	0%	\$517
23	Communications	48	1,500	1,450	50	3%	\$710
24	Fabricated Metal Products	34	1,491	1,505	-14	-1%	\$556
25	Amusement & Recreation Services	79	1,463	1,386	77	6%	\$260

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The Top 25 Employment Gaining Industries in the United States

Rank	Industry	SIC	1999:1	1998:1	One Year Change in Employment		Average Weekly Wage
			Employment	Employment*	<i>Absolute</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	
1	Business Services	73	8,735	8,221	513	6%	\$439
2	Engineering & Management Services	87	3,327	3,093	234	8%	\$682
3	Special Trade Contractors	17	3,653	3,456	197	6%	\$638
4	Social Services	83	2,728	2,585	143	6%	\$294
5	Health Services	80	9,896	9,779	117	1%	\$462
6	Eating and Drinking Places	58	7,589	7,479	110	1%	\$162
7	Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	50	4,079	3,987	92	2%	\$586
8	Nondepository Institutions	61	708	624	84	13%	\$573
9	Miscellaneous Retail	59	2,893	2,816	77	3%	\$285
10	Amusement & Recreation Services	79	1,463	1,386	77	6%	\$260
11	Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	51	2,808	2,732	76	3%	\$498
12	General Building Contractors	15	1,352	1,278	74	6%	\$607
13	Trucking and Warehousing	42	1,752	1,680	72	4%	\$539
14	General Merchandise Stores	53	2,718	2,647	71	3%	\$255
15	Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	55	2,359	2,295	64	3%	\$432
16	Insurance Carriers	63	1,625	1,567	58	4%	\$649
17	Agricultural Services	7	645	593	51	9%	\$339
18	Furniture and Home furnishings	57	1,062	1,011	51	5%	\$395
19	Communications	48	1,500	1,450	50	3%	\$710
20	Transportation by Air	45	1,203	1,155	48	4%	#N/A
21	Membership Organizations	86	2,364	2,320	44	2%	#N/A
22	Auto Repair, Services, and Parking	75	1,166	1,125	41	4%	\$402
23	Building Materials & Garden Supplies	52	931	890	41	5%	\$365
24	Heavy Construction, Ex. Building	16	743	703	40	6%	\$652
25	Security and Commodity Brokers	62	660	624	36	6%	#N/A

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The Top Employment Losing Industries in the United States

Rank	Industry	SIC	1999:1	1998:1	One Year Change in Employment		Average Weekly Wage
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1	Apparel and Other Textile Products	23	704	787	-83	-11%	\$323
2	Industrial Machinery and Equipment	35	2,147	2,219	-73	-3%	\$621
3	Electronic & Other Electronic Equipment	36	1,659	1,723	-64	-4%	\$543
4	Oil and Gas Extraction	13	304	347	-43	-12%	\$690
5	Textile Mill Products	22	573	606	-33	-5%	\$429
6	Instruments and Related Products	38	846	875	-29	-3%	\$577
7	Primary Metal Industries	33	695	720	-25	-3%	\$677
8	Transportation Equipment	37	1,873	1,893	-19	-1%	\$767
9	Paper and Allied Products	26	661	679	-18	-3%	\$682
10	Fabricated Metal Products	34	1,491	1,505	-14	-1%	\$556
11	Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	39	382	392	-10	-3%	\$442
12	Leather and Leather Products	31	76	86	-10	-12%	\$356
13	Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	49	845	855	-10	-1%	\$871
14	Coal Mining	12	88	94	-6	-6%	\$867
15	Printing and Publishing	27	1,556	1,560	-5	0%	\$517
16	Chemicals and Allied Products	28	1,036	1,038	-2	0%	\$736
17	Tobacco Products	21	41	42	-1	-3%	\$680
18	Petroleum and Coal Products	29	135	136	-1	-1%	\$935
19	Metal Mining	10	49	50	-1	-2%	\$794

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The 25 Highest Paying Industries in the United States

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			Employment	Employment*	<i>Absolute</i>	<i>Percentage</i>	Weekly Wage
1	Pipelines, except Natural Gas	46	14	14	0	0%	\$940
2	Petroleum and Coal Products	29	135	136	-1	-1%	\$935
3	Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	49	845	855	-10	-1%	\$871
4	Coal Mining	12	88	94	-6	-6%	\$867
5	Metal Mining	10	49	50	-1	-2%	\$794
6	Transportation Equipment	37	1,873	1,893	-19	-1%	\$767
7	Chemicals and Allied Products	28	1,036	1,038	-2	0%	\$736
8	Communications	48	1,500	1,450	50	3%	\$710
9	Oil and Gas Extraction	13	304	347	-43	-12%	\$690
10	Engineering & Management Services	87	3,327	3,093	234	8%	\$682
11	Paper and Allied Products	26	661	679	-18	-3%	\$682
12	Tobacco Products	21	41	42	-1	-3%	\$680
13	Primary Metal Industries	33	695	720	-25	-3%	\$677
14	Nonmetallic Minerals, except Fuels	14	102	101	0	0%	\$659
15	Heavy Construction, Ex. Building	16	743	703	40	6%	\$652
16	Legal Services	81	986	954	32	3%	\$650
17	Insurance Carriers	63	1,625	1,567	58	4%	\$649
18	Special Trade Contractors	17	3,653	3,456	197	6%	\$638
19	Miscellaneous Services	89	55	50	5	10%	\$634
20	Industrial Machinery and Equipment	35	2,147	2,219	-73	-3%	\$621
21	General Building Contractors	15	1,352	1,278	74	6%	\$607
22	Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	50	4,079	3,987	92	2%	\$586
23	Stone, Clay, and Glass Products	32	552	544	9	2%	\$579
24	Instruments and Related Products	38	846	875	-29	-3%	\$577
25	Nondepository Institutions	61	708	624	84	13%	\$573

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1	Eating and Drinking Places	58	7,589	7,479	110	1%	\$162
2	Apparel and Accessory Stores	56	1,139	1,113	25	2%	\$223
3	General Merchandise Stores	53	2,718	2,647	71	3%	\$255
4	Amusement & Recreation Services	79	1,463	1,386	77	6%	\$260
5	Food Stores	54	3,455	3,447	8	0%	\$271
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7	Social Services	83	2,728	2,585	143	6%	\$294
8	Apparel and Other Textile Products	23	704	787	-83	-11%	\$323
9	Agricultural Services	7	645	593	51	9%	\$339
10	Leather and Leather Products	31	76	86	-10	-12%	\$356
11	Building Materials & Garden Supplies	52	931	890	41	5%	\$365
12	Local and Interurban Passenger Transit	41	487	474	13	3%	\$387
13	Furniture and Home furnishings	57	1,062	1,011	51	5%	\$395
14	Depository Institutions	60	2,045	2,034	11	1%	\$396
15	Auto Repair, Services, and Parking	75	1,166	1,125	41	4%	\$402
16	Textile Mill Products	22	573	606	-33	-5%	\$429
17	Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	55	2,359	2,295	64	3%	\$432
18	Business Services	73	8,735	8,221	513	6%	\$439
19	Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	39	382	392	-10	-3%	\$442
20	Furniture and Fixtures	25	535	526	9	2%	\$443
21	Lumber and Wood Products	24	813	793	19	2%	\$458
22	Health Services	80	9,896	9,779	117	1%	\$462
23	Motion Pictures	78	579	572	6	1%	\$480
24	Food and Kindred Products	20	1,659	1,648	12	1%	\$492
25	Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	51	2,808	2,732	76	3%	\$498

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