Occupational Outlook Handbook


At the top right, you’ll see two search boxes. If you wish to search *Occupational Outlook Handbook* by keyword, be sure to use the search box on the blue banner, not the red. (The search box on the red banner will search all of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, not just the *OOH*). So for example, we can search for *microbiologists*, press enter, and view our results.

![Bureau of Labor Statistics website screenshot](image)

The first result looks the most relevant, and clicking that link brings us to the relevant page. Notice that we’re currently on the *summary* page, but as we click different tabs we can read more about what
microbiologists do, their work environment, the education needed to become one, expected salary, and more.

Scroll to the bottom of any page for a Suggested Citation. Be sure to use the proper citation format before submitting your references to your professor.

We can click the Occupational Outlook Handbook title in the blue banner at the top of the page to go back to the OOH homepage. If you want to browse occupations, you can click a section within the Occupation Groups menu at the left.
For example, we can click Life, Physical, and Social Science in the Occupation Groups, and this time we’ll click the Biological Technicians link.
Again, you can review the summary information or click the gray tabs at the top of the page for more information.

Once again, we can click the **Occupational Outlook Handbook** title in the blue banner to go back to the OOH homepage. And, for our final search, we’ll choose options from the **Select Occupations By** category at the top of the homepage. We can choose a specific median pay, education level, and more, and then click **Go**.
The results are arranged alphabetically, with the first 25 entries on this page. To view more, either show more than 25 entries per page, or click the arrow at the top right.

Browse the list to choose an occupation that appeals to you and, once again, you can review the summary information or click the gray tabs at the top of the page for more information.

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