

## Jobs with the lowest (and highest) unemployment

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Want a guaranteed job? Get used to being called doctor. And stay in school.

The top jobs with the lowest unemployment rates for 2012 include fields in areas from health care and finance, to social services and engineering -- and all require a lot of education and training.

"You look at these jobs, they are all high skilled, high education, and high experience," said Abraham Mosisa, an economist at the Bureau of Labor Statistics. "Therefore, demand is generally high in all those areas."

On the other end of the spectrum are jobs in construction, sales, and transportation. Not only do many of these jobs require less formal training and education, but some - like telemarketing -- tend to have high rates of turnover, said Mosisa.

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The BLS, which released the figures Friday, cautioned against using jobs with small sample sizes that could skew the results.

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Highest unemployment	Rate	Lowest unemployment	Rate
Riggers*	21.6%	Astronomers and physicists	0.3%
Structural iron and steel workers	21.9%	Directors, religious activities and education	0.3%
Telemarketers	23.1%	Biomedical engineers	0.4%
Fence erectors	23.4%	Judges, magistrates, and other judicial workers	0.4%
Gaming cage workers*	24.7%	First-line supervisors of fire fighting and prevention workers	0.4%
Communications equipment operators, all other*	24.8%	Petroleum engineers	0.6%
Drilling and boring machine tool setters, operators, and tenders, metal and plastic*	25.8%	First-line supervisors of correctional officers	0.6%
Ambulance drivers and attendants, except emergency medical technicians	26%	Physicians and surgeons	0.8%
Reinforcing iron and rebar workers*	27%	Audiologists	0.8%
Furniture finishers*	27.7%	Information security analysts	0.9%
Actors	28.5%	Nurse practitioners	0.9%
Survey researchers*	29.5%	Septic tank servicers and sewer pipe cleaners*	0.9%
Plasterers and stucco masons	30.5%	Earth drillers, except oil and gas	0.9%
Commercial divers*	31.7%	Appraisers and assessors of real estate	1%
Conveyor operators and tenders*	33.6%	Tax examiners and collectors, and revenue agents*	1%
Manufactured building and mobile home installers*	35.5%	Animal breeders*	1%
Solar photovoltaic installers*	35.7%	Training and development managers	1.1%
Roof bolters, mining*	36.6%	Clergy	1.2%
Forest and conservation workers*	38.4%	Physician assistants	1.2%
Media and communication equipment workers, all other*	43.5%	Veterinarians	1.2%

\*Sample size under 10,000

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