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2012-13 EDITION OF THE OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK IS NOW AVAILABLE

The redesigned 2012-13 edition of the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) was released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The OOH reflects the Bureau's 2010-20 employment projections which were released on February 1, 2012. The OOH can be accessed online at www.bls.gov/ooh.

Considered the nation's most widely used source of career information, the OOH continues to provide comprehensive and up-to-date information on hundreds of occupations. The information in the OOH has proven invaluable to counselors, students, parents, teachers, jobseekers, career changers, education and training officials, and researchers.

The Redesigned OOH

The redesigned OOH includes several new features to make it more visually appealing and easier for users to find what they are looking for:

- A reader-friendly, written-for-the-web style
- Improved navigation through tabs, arrows, and links
- Enhanced search features, including a "Search Handbook" box, an occupation finder tab, and an online index
- Quick links to occupations with the highest pay, fastest employment growth, and those projected to create the most new jobs
- A summary page for each occupational profile that provides a quick look at key facts for the profile, such as 2010 median pay, entry-level education, and job outlook to 2020
- Charts comparing median pay and projected percent change in employment for each profile to all occupations
- Multiple color photos for each profile

The 341 occupational profiles cover 536 detailed occupations, or 84.8 percent of total employment. The 2012-13 OOH contains individual profiles for many occupations that were either covered in groups, covered in abbreviated profiles, or not covered in detail in the prior edition. Highlights include:

- Individual profiles for the science and engineering occupations, which were previously covered in groups
- More profiles for computer-related occupations, including individual profiles for database administrators; information security analysts, web developers, and computer network architects; and network and computer systems administrators
- New individual profiles for occupations that manufacture and repair healthcare-related appliances and equipment
- Full profiles for four occupations that were previously covered in abbreviated profiles: epidemiologists; fire inspectors and investigators; police, fire, and ambulance dispatchers; and tellers
- Full profiles for occupations not covered in detail in the prior edition, including financial examiners, legislators, logisticians, and social and community service managers

The 2010-20 Employment Projections

The 10-year projections of industry and occupational employment are revised every 2 years. The Employment Projections: 2010-2020, February 1, 2012 news release covering the 2010-20 projections is accessible at www.bls.gov/news.release/ecopro.toc.htm. Detailed information on the 2010-20 projections appears in five articles in the January 2012 issue of the Monthly Labor Review, accessible online at www.bls.gov/opub/mlr/2012/01/home.htm. A graphic presentation of the highlights of the projections appears in the winter 2011-12 Occupational Outlook Quarterly, accessible at www.bls.gov/ooq/2011/winter/home.htm. Technical documentation about the projections is available online at www.bls.gov/emp/ep_tech_documentation.htm.

Print Version of the OOH

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