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4.03 Wages and Me

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**Now that you have learned the importance of skills and education in the workforce, you will now apply your own personal preference and see where your wages might be according to your career preference. Use the Bureau of Labor Statistics resources listed on the Task page to complete this assignment.**

**To begin:**

* **Open the National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates page linked on the Task page.**
* **Read through the ‘Major Occupational Groups’ links. Find an occupational area that you are interested in pursuing or learning more about. Click on the link.**
* **Scroll through the occupational titles to find the career title that most closely matches the career you are considering.**
* **Click on the occupation title that best interests you. You will be directed to its occupational profile. Use that information to answer the questions below.**

1. What occupation did you choose? Write the title and occupation code (the number in front of the title) and include a link to the occupational profile.

1. Read the description listed for your chosen profession. What about this interests you?

1. How many Americans are employed in this occupation?

1. What is the mean annual wage for that occupation?

1. What is the annual wage rate for the lowest-paid ten percent of workers in that occupation?

1. What is the annual wage rate for the highest-paid ten percent of workers in that occupation?

1. Visit the State Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates page (also linked on the Task page). Use this webpage to find the mean annual income for that occupation for residents in your state.

1. How does your state's mean annual income for your occupation compare to the national mean annual income for that occupation?

1. If there is a difference, what do you think is the primary reason for that difference?

1. Back on the occupational profile, scroll down to see the geographic profile of this occupation. Based on these maps and on the information about annual wages for this career that you used to answer questions #7-9, think about where you would like to live to do this job. Will you stay in Alabama for this occupation? Or, you will move away? Why or why not?