



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Are you comfortable around computers? If you like working with computers and other technology, this career sector could be for you. Information technology careers involve the design, development, support, and management of hardware, software, multimedia, and systems integration services. No other career sector offers as much diversity as information technology. You can take the skills learned in these pathways and apply them to any sector of our economy. With organizations continually integrating sophisticated technology into their companies, the employment opportunities for technology support specialists is expected to grow faster than the average for all other occupations.

The information below is just a small sample of the many great employment related resources available on the State of California website www.edd.ca.gov. We encourage you to visit the website and explore the available information.

Occupation Title	Employment Levels in 2006	Projected Employment level 2016	Projected Job Growth	Percent of Job Growth	2008 Hourly ¹ Mean Wage	2008 ² Weekly Mean Wage	2008 ³ Monthly Mean Wage	2008 Annual Mean Wage
Business Teachers, Post Secondary	4,300	5,500	1,200	27.9%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Computer Hardware Engineers	21,400	23,700	2,300	10.7%	\$52.32	\$2,092.80	\$8,789.76	\$105,477.12
Computer Operators	12,600	9,600	-3,000	-23.8%	\$19.37	\$774.80	\$3,254.16	\$39,049.92
Computer Programmers	36,900	35,700	-1,200	-3.3%	\$39.10	\$1,564.00	\$6,568.80	\$78,825.60
Computer Science Teachers, Post Secondary	2,800	3,600	800	28.6%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Computer Software Engineers	52,100	66,800	14,700	28.2%	\$49.41	\$1,976.40	\$8,300.88	\$99,610.56
Computer Specialists, Other	32,600	39,400	6,800	20.9%	\$37.69	\$1,507.60	\$6,331.92	\$75,983.04
Computer Support Specialists	61,100.00	71,600	10,500	17.2%	\$24.84	\$993.60	\$4,173.12	\$50,077.44
Computer Systems Analysts	53,900	69,100	15,200	28.2%	\$39.02	\$1,560.80	\$6,555.36	\$78,664.32
Data Entry Keyers	37,100	36,500	-600	-1.6%	\$13.89	\$555.60	\$2,333.52	\$28,002.24
Database Administrators	11,400	14,900	3,500	30.7%	\$37.07	\$1,482.80	\$6,227.76	\$74,733.12
Desktop Publishers	2,900	2,900	0	0.0%	\$19.87	\$794.80	\$3,338.16	\$40,057.92
Executive Secretaries	223,800	262,200	38,400	17.2%	\$21.95	\$878.00	\$3,687.60	\$44,251.20
Graphic Designers	36,700	41,800	5,100	13.9%	\$25.99	\$1,039.60	\$4,366.32	\$52,395.84
Multi Media Artists & Animators	27,900	36,800	8,900	31.9%	\$38.98	\$1,559.20	\$6,548.64	\$78,583.68
Network & Computer Systems Administrators	32,400	42,200	9,800	30.2%	\$37.67	\$1,506.80	\$6,328.56	\$75,942.72
Network Systems & Data Communications Analysts	28,900	45,900	17,000	58.8%	\$37.23	\$1,489.20	\$6,254.64	\$75,055.68
Office Support Supervisors	187,500	200,400	12,900	6.9%	\$25.23	\$1,009.20	\$4,238.64	\$50,863.68
Operations Research Analysts	6,200	6,600	400	6.5%	\$36.44	\$1,457.60	\$6,121.92	\$73,463.04
Technical Writers	7,200	8,600	1,400	19.4%	\$37.20	\$1,488.00	\$6,249.60	\$74,995.20
Word Processing Operators	26,500	24,300	-2,200	-8.3%	\$17.66	\$706.40	\$2,966.88	\$35,602.56

These selected occupations with information on job growth, percent growth and earning potentials are based on information found at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

¹ **Mean:** Midpoint between highest & lowest

² **Weekly:** Based on 40 hours

³ **Monthly:** Based on 168 hours



TIPS FOR JOB SEEKERS

How can you improve your chances of getting a job? Applying for a job is the easy part, but getting it can be more of a challenge. Following these five tips can help you reach your goal:

1 The Job

- Determine your interests: talk to others and consider your hobbies and talents
- Search “career assessments” on the Internet

2 The Resume

- Should be easy to read: not too long, too wordy or too cluttered
- Make it powerful
- Show you can cooperate, you can learn, and you can do

3 The Application

- Make it neat, complete and accurate
- Include recommendations from teachers, employers, coaches, friends, etc.

4 The Interview

- Show enthusiasm: it separates the winners from the losers
- Dress appropriately/similar to those on the job

5 The Follow-up

- Send a thank you note
- Call to see if a decision has been made
- If not, ask, “Am I still a candidate?”
- If you are, ask, “Is it okay if I call back in a couple of days?”



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