

Select Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates for the NYC-Jersey City-White Plains Area

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Lehman College’s [mission statement](#) declares that the College “serves the Bronx and surrounding region as an intellectual, economic, and cultural center.” Toward that end, a majority of Lehman College’s undergraduate and graduate students are residents of New York City. In [fall 2016](#), nearly 80% of undergraduate students and 67% of graduate students were residents of the City.

Access to relevant occupational and wage data for the local area can inform decision making by students, faculty, and staff. Occupational Employment Statistics ([OES](#)) Data for the New York City-Jersey City-White Plains region provides insight into employment, occupational, and wage data in the College’s focus area. Below are four tables that provide such data for the May 2015-May 2016 period (released March 31, 2017), along with the relevant O*Net Job Zone figure for each occupation. [O*Net’s](#) Job Zones reflect the level of preparedness required for each occupation.

20 Biggest Occupations with an Above Area Median Wage:

Occupation	Employment	1-Year Change	Median Wage	1-Year Change	Job Zone
Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, except Legal, Medical, and Executive	128,950	+2.9%	\$ 41,170	+1.4%	3
Registered Nurses	123,640	+3.8%	\$ 88,300	+2.1%	3
General and Operations Managers	111,740	+4.1%	\$147,460	+1.3%	4
Customer Service Representatives	104,430	+0.7%	\$ 38,330	+1.6%	2
Accountants and Auditors	90,790	+8.8%	\$ 85,280	+0.9%	4
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	80,110	-0.4%	\$ 64,560	+3.3%	3
Bookkeeping, Accounting and Auditing Clerks	76,210	-2.8%	\$ 45,070	+4.0%	3
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	72,460	+2.0%	\$ 44,030	+2.5%	3
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Except Technical and Scientific Products	68,310	-4.6%	\$ 61,470	+0.6%	4
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	64,950	+7.2%	\$ 72,030	+4.4%	3
Lawyers	58,900	+0.4%	\$157,820	+3.1%	5
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	57,340	-6.3%	\$ 73,900	+9.9%	4
Software Developers, Applications	56,960	+5.1%	\$107,070	+1.3%	4
Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	56,600	+16.4%	\$ 66,960	+2.2%	4
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	50,730	+12.2%	\$ 73,850	+0.8%	4
Financial Analysts	47,190	+14.1%	\$105,740	+3.4%	4
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	44,230	+0.6%	\$ 47,770	+1.9%	2
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	42,000	+3.5%	\$ 81,570	+2.4%	4
Police and Sheriff’s Patrol Officers	39,680	-3.6%	\$ 73,750	+2.0%	3
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	39,290	+3.0%	\$ 47,830	+2.3%	2

Mean Job Zone: 3.4; Job Zones 3 or Above: 85%

20 Fastest Growing Occupations with 10,000 or More Employees over the Past Year:

Occupation	Employment	1-Year Change	Median Wage	1-Year Change	Job Zone
Protective Service Workers, All Other	13,440	+28.2%	\$ 24,460	-7.4%	2
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria, Food Concession, and Coffee Shop	29,830	+20.4%	\$ 20,080	+3.0%	1
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	12,220	+18.1%	\$ 79,190	+1.4%	4
Sales Representatives, Services, All Other	56,600	+16.4%	\$ 66,960	+2.2%	4
Counter and Rental Clerks	14,190	+15.6%	\$ 24,730	+0.4%	1
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	30,990	+14.9%	\$ 38,980	+7.2%	3
Financial Analysts	47,190	+14.1%	\$105,740	+3.4%	4
Production, Planning, and Expediting Clerks	18,310	+13.7%	\$ 52,560	+0.9%	3
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	18,690	+13.2%	\$ 67,490	+0.6%	3
Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	16,220	+13.2%	\$ 62,700	+3.8%	3
Chefs and Head Cooks	11,040	+12.2%	\$ 42,380	-5.8%	3
Pharmacists	15,000	+12.2%	\$115,990	+2.8%	5
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	50,730	+12.2%	\$ 73,850	+0.8%	4
Food Preparation Workers	51,300	+12.0%	\$ 22,340	+4.5%	1
Producers and Directors	21,150	+11.3%	\$100,360	+5.5%	4
Community and Social Service Specialists, All Other	11,880	+10.8%	\$ 48,910	+0.3%	N.A.
Home Health Aides	159,830	+10.3%	\$ 23,070	+3.5%	2
Software Developers, Systems Software	16,980	+9.8%	\$113,250	+0.8%	4
Human Resources Specialists	26,910	+9.3%	\$ 71,360	+1.8%	4
Training and Development Specialists	13,630	+9.2%	\$ 66,140	+1.5%	4

Mean Job Zone: 3.1; Job Zones 3 or Above: 74%

Most Attractive Occupations (10,000 or more employees):

(Above median employment growth; above median wage; and, above median wage change)

Occupation	Employment	1-Year Change	Median Wage	1-Year Change	Job Zone
Child, Family, and School Social Workers	16,420	+2.5%	\$ 55,450	+3.9%	4
Computer and Information Systems Managers	24,120	+1.8%	\$168,520	+3.3%	4
Computer and Information Systems Managers	29,980	+2.2%	\$100,820	+3.0%	4
Computer Systems Analysts	39,100	+2.7%	\$ 45,240	+3.0%	2
Construction Laborers	14,690	+6.6%	\$124,350	+4.3%	5
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	64,950	+7.2%	\$ 72,030	+4.4%	3
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	47,190	+14.1%	\$105,740	+3.4%	4
Financial Analysts	38,310	+2.8%	\$185,050	+5.2%	4.5
Financial Managers	11,130	+5.8%	\$ 42,420	+4.4%	3
First-Line Supervisors of Personal Service Workers	16,220	+13.2%	\$ 62,700	+3.8%	3
Fitness Trainers and Aerobics Instructors	25,490	+6.0%	\$137,660	+5.2%	4
Producers and Directors	21,150	+11.3%	\$100,360	+5.5%	4

Mean Job Zone: 3.7; Job Zones 3 or Above: 92%

Least Attractive Occupations (10,000 or more employees):

(Decline in employment, below median wage, below median wage change)

Occupation	Employment	1-Year Change	Median Wage	1-Year Change	Job Zone
Bus Drivers, School or Special Client	27,510	-3.9%	\$37,770	-0.8%	2
Cooks, Fast Food	11,660	-13.9%	\$19,710	+2.6%	1
Interviewers, Except Eligibility and Loan	10,370	-2.3%	\$38,660	+1.8%	2
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	138,040	-3.4%	\$31,100	+1.9%	2
Manicurists and Pedicurists	11,360	-11.9%	\$19,770	+2.3%	2
Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	10,740	-3.8%	\$23,900	+0.3%	2
Packers and Packagers, Hand	28,450	-4.9%	\$20,790	+2.0%	2
Pharmacy Technicians	11,870	-1.4%	\$30,870	-3.4%	3
Security Guards	95,280	-0.3%	\$29,300	+0.3%	2
Shipping, Receiving, and Traffic Clerks	26,290	-7.2%	\$32,910	+1.1%	2
Tellers	20,160	-6.1%	\$29,040	+2.7%	2

Mean Job Zone: 2.0; Job Zones 3 or Above: 9%

O*Net Job Zones:

- 1: Little or no preparation needed
- 2: Some preparation needed
- 3: Medium preparation needed
- 4: Considerable preparation needed
- 5: Extensive preparation needed