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15 CAREER PATHS TO EXPLORE IN THE AI ERA

2025 U.S. Median Pay & Projected Employment Change, 2025–2035

Rank	Related Occupation	Median Pay	Change
1	Registered Nurses	$97,550	+5.6%
2	Software Developers	$135,980	+10.2%
3	Accountants & Auditors	$83,680	+5.0%
4	Civil Engineers	$100,840	+6.4%
5	Mechanical Engineers	$104,110	+11.2%
6	Electrical & Electronics Engineers	$125,040	+7.8%
7	Physical Therapists	$102,760	+11.9%
8	Information Security Analysts	$129,180	+21.0%
9	Data Scientists	$120,230	+34.6%
10	Elementary & Middle School Teachers	$64,170	-0.4%
11	Financial & Investment Analysts	$102,740	+7.2%
12	Medical & Health Services Managers	$123,860	+24.2%
13	Human Resources Specialists	$75,940	+6.4%
14	Construction Managers	$114,990	+9.1%
15	Social Workers	$61,780	+6.2%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), 2025 median wages and 2025–2035 employment projections.

Median pay is occupation-level data, not starting salary or pay guaranteed by a degree. Career paths and education requirements vary.