# Top 100 Highest-Paying Jobs in Virginia

**Prepared for School Year 2020-2021**

| **Occupation** | **Median Annual Wage** | **Typical Entry-Level Degree / Education** | **Typical Entry-Level Work Experience** | **Typical On-the-Job Training** |
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| Chief Executives | $208,000 or more | Bachelor's | 5 years or more | None |
| Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons | $208,000 or more | Doctoral/Professional | None | Internship/residency |
| Orthodontists | $208,000 or more | Doctoral/Professional | None | Internship/residency |
| General Internal Medicine Physicians | $208,000 or more | Doctoral/Professional | None | Internship/residency |
| Obstetricians and Gynecologists | $208,000 or more | Doctoral/Professional | None | Internship/residency |
| Surgeons, Except Ophthalmologists | $208,000 or more | Doctoral/Professional | None | Internship/residency |
| Family Medicine Physicians | $195,680 | Doctoral/Professional | None | Internship/residency |
| Psychiatrists | $185,360 | Doctoral/Professional | None | Internship/residency |
| Nurse Anesthetists | $182,800 | Master's | None | None |
| Physicians, All Other; and Ophthalmologists, Except Pediatric | $182,300 | Doctoral/Professional | None | Internship/residency |
| Pediatricians, General | $180,810 | Doctoral/Professional | None | Internship/residency |
| Marketing Managers | $166,530 | Bachelor's | 5 years or more | None |
| Sales Managers | $165,140 | Bachelor's | Less than 5 years | None |
| Computer and Information Systems Managers | $163,180 | Bachelor's | 5 years or more | None |
| Dentists, General | $161,200 | Doctoral/Professional | None | None |
| Financial Managers | $149,760 | Bachelor's | 5 years or more | None |
| Architectural and Engineering Managers | $148,650 | Bachelor's | 5 years or more | None |
| Public Relations and Fundraising Managers | $147,190 | Bachelor's | 5 years or more | None |
| Political Scientists | $141,600 | Master's | None | None |
| Training and Development Managers | $137,560 | Bachelor's | 5 years or more | None |
| Purchasing Managers | $133,690 | Bachelor's | 5 years or more | None |
| Human Resources Managers | $133,190 | Bachelor's | 5 years or more | None |
| Natural Sciences Managers | $133,030 | Bachelor's | 5 years or more | None |
| Pharmacists | $131,860 | Doctoral/Professional | None | None |
| Personal Service Managers, All Other; Entertainment and Recreation Managers, Except Gambling; and Managers, All Other | $130,600 | Bachelor's | Less than 5 years | None |
| Compensation and Benefits Managers | $130,500 | Bachelor's | 5 years or more | None |
| Sales Engineers | $130,030 | Bachelor's | None | More than 1 month to 1 year |
| Lawyers | $129,630 | Doctoral/Professional | None | None |
| Physical Scientists, All Other | $128,950 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Computer and Information Research Scientists | $128,120 | Master's | None | None |
| Computer Network Architects | $126,930 | Bachelor's | 5 years or more | None |
| Engineers, All Other | $126,050 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Aerospace Engineers | $122,940 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Legal Support Workers, All Other | $122,840 | Associate | None | None |
| General and Operations Managers | $122,470 | Bachelor's | 5 years or more | None |
| Funeral Home Managers | $122,280 | Associate | Less than 5 years | None |
| Economists | $122,230 | Master's | None | None |
| Optometrists | $121,990 | Doctoral/Professional | None | None |
| Mathematicians | $121,830 | Master's | None | None |
| Advertising and Promotions Managers | $119,730 | Bachelor's | Less than 5 years | None |
| Computer Hardware Engineers | $118,870 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Chemical Engineers | $114,690 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Electronics Engineers, Except Computer | $113,430 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Industrial Production Managers | $112,320 | Bachelor's | 5 years or more | None |
| Information Security Analysts | $111,560 | Bachelor's | Less than 5 years | None |
| Software Developers and Software Quality Assurance Analysts and Testers | $110,550 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Social Scientists and Related Workers, All Other | $109,490 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Electrical Engineers | $109,310 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Education Administrators, All Other | $107,600 | Bachelor's | Less than 5 years | None |
| Nurse Practitioners | $107,440 | Master's | None | None |
| Atmospheric and Space Scientists | $106,670 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Computer Occupations, All Other | $106,000 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Medical and Health Services Managers | $105,450 | Bachelor's | Less than 5 years | None |
| Psychologists, All Other | $104,690 | Master's | None | Internship/residency |
| Operations Research Analysts | $103,420 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Physician Assistants | $102,610 | Master's | None | None |
| Computer Systems Analysts | $102,050 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Physicists | $101,790 | Doctoral/Professional | None | None |
| Transportation, Storage, and Distribution Managers | $101,780 | High school diploma | 5 years or more | None |
| Database Administrators and Architects | $100,810 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Administrative Services and Facilities Managers | $100,050 | Bachelor's | Less than 5 years | None |
| Construction Managers | $99,480 | Bachelor's | None | More than 1 month to 1 year |
| Nurse Midwives | $99,050 | Master's | None | None |
| Veterinarians | $98,050 | Doctoral/Professional | None | None |
| Management Analysts | $97,500 | Bachelor's | Less than 5 years | None |
| Microbiologists | $96,790 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Education Administrators, Postsecondary | $96,500 | Master's | Less than 5 years | None |
| Computer Programmers | $95,650 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Economics Teachers, Postsecondary | $95,300 | Doctoral/Professional | None | None |
| Chemists | $95,140 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Lighting Technicians and Media and Communication Equipment Workers, All Other | $95,120 | High school diploma | None | 1 month or less |
| Mechanical Engineers | $94,200 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Health and Safety Engineers, Except Mining Safety Engineers and Inspectors | $94,160 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and Scientific Products | $94,080 | Bachelor's | None | More than 1 month to 1 year |
| Detectives and Criminal Investigators | $93,910 | High school diploma | Less than 5 years | More than 1 month to 1 year |
| Education Administrators, Kindergarten through Secondary | $92,900 | Master's | 5 years or more | None |
| Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists and Geographers | $92,470 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Bioengineers and Biomedical Engineers | $92,070 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Hydrologists | $91,980 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Physical Therapists | $91,780 | Doctoral/Professional | None | None |
| Budget Analysts | $91,400 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Personal Financial Advisors | $91,330 | Bachelor's | None | More than 1 year |
| Financial and Investment Analysts, Financial Risk Specialists, and Financial Specialists, All Other | $90,560 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Occupational Therapists | $90,560 | Master's | None | None |
| Industrial Engineers | $90,110 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Civil Engineers | $89,100 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Marine Engineers and Naval Architects | $88,890 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Network and Computer Systems Administrators | $88,060 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Electrical and Electronics Repairers, Powerhouse, Substation, and Relay | $87,910 | Postsecondary nondegree certificate/award | Less than 5 years | More than 1 month to 1 year |
| Nuclear Engineers | $87,250 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists | $87,080 | Doctoral/Professional | None | None |
| First-Line Supervisors of Non-Retail Sales Workers | $87,010 | High school diploma | Less than 5 years | None |
| Environmental Engineers | $86,520 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Speech-Language Pathologists | $86,350 | Master's | None | Internship/residency |
| Architects, Except Landscape and Naval | $86,080 | Bachelor's | None | Internship/residency |
| Acupuncturists and Healthcare Diagnosing or Treating Practitioners, All Other | $85,590 | Master's | None | None |
| First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives | $85,090 | High school diploma | Less than 5 years | More than 1 month to 1 year |
| Project Management Specialists and Business Operations Specialists, All Other | $84,280 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Biological Scientists, All Other | $84,280 | Bachelor's | None | None |
| Administrative Law Judges, Adjudicators, and Hearing Officers | $84,270 | Doctoral/Professional | 5 years or more | 1 month or less |

Data sources: 1) Wage data: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Occupational Employment Statistics, Virginia, 2019. [LINK: https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\_va.htm](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_va.htm). 2) Education data: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections program. Table 5.4. - Education and training assignments by detailed occupation, United States, 2019. [LINK: https://www.bls.gov/emp/tables/education-and-training-by-occupation.htm](https://www.bls.gov/emp/tables/education-and-training-by-occupation.htm).

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