



Panhandle Region

Dec. 2000
2003 to 2010
Average Annual
Wage Openings

Highest Paying:

	Average Annual Wage	Openings
Family & General Practitioners	\$138,729	1
Optometrists	\$124,797	1
Lawyers	\$119,483	2
Farm, Ranch & Other Agricultural Managers	\$87,159	17
Computer & Information Systems Managers	\$74,869	1
Construction Managers	\$70,192	1
Chief Executives	\$68,226	7
Computer Software Applications Engineers	\$66,276	21
Purchasing Managers	\$64,937	1
Civil Engineers	\$63,770	0
Engineering Managers	\$63,612	0
Education Administrators, Elementary & Secondary School	\$62,936	2
Physical Therapists	\$61,927	0
Pharmacists	\$61,880	3
General & Operations Managers	\$61,659	16
Marketing Managers	\$60,973	2
Financial Managers	\$59,115	3
Sales Managers	\$57,760	2
Electrical & Electronics Repairers of Commercial & Industrial Equipment	\$54,356	0
Industrial Production Managers	\$53,949	1

Four jobs are in the top 20 highest paying jobs in this region **only**: Farm, Ranch & Other Agricultural Managers, Computer Software Applications Engineers, Purchasing Managers, and Electrical & Electronics Repairers of Commercial & Industrial Equipment. Three jobs rank high in **every** region; Chief executives, Engineering Managers and Computer & Information Systems Managers.

Common characteristics:

- Over half (12) are management occupations
- Four are healthcare occupations
- Less than half are growing faster than average
- Most have relatively few openings

Variance in entry and experienced wages for these occupations:

- Entry range:
 - \$25,542 for Chief Executives
 - \$109,777 for Family & General Practitioners
- Experienced range:
 - \$62,107 for Industrial Production Managers
 - \$154,999 for Lawyers
- **Difference** between entry and experienced wage:
 - Least difference is Education Administrators, Elementary & Secondary School Teachers at \$15,087
 - Greatest difference is Lawyers at \$106,549

Typical education or experience:

- Half of these typically require a bachelor's degree **plus** work experience
- All but one require at **least** a bachelor's degree – that one is:
 - Electrical & Electronics Repairers of Commercial & Industrial Equipment (only postsecondary vocational training)