

High Salary Jobs in Upstate That Don't Require a Bachelor's Degree

Education, training, and experience typically make a difference in the type of job and wages one can expect. But not all "good" jobs require a college degree. Based on the latest employment projections for Upstate, here are some jobs with higher wages that don't require a four-year college degree that will have significant opportunities over the next several years. They are listed by education level and then salary.

| Occupation | 2015 Average Annual Wage | Education Recommended for Entry |
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| Construction laborers | \$33,026 | Less than high school |
| Machine feeders and offbearers | \$32,027 | Less than high school |
| Industrial truck and tractor operators | \$30,823 | Less than high school |
| Painters, construction and maintenance | \$29,752 | Less than high school |
| Cement masons and concrete finishers | \$28,420 | Less than high school |
| Laborers and freight, stock, and material movers, hand | \$27,325 | Less than high school |
| Retail salespersons | \$24,880 | Less than high school |
| Landscaping and groundskeeping workers | \$23,746 | Less than high school |
| Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners | \$22,794 | Less than high school |
| Stock clerks and order fillers | \$22,496 | Less than high school |
| Cooks, restaurant | \$20,304 | Less than high school |
| Maids and housekeeping cleaners | \$19,220 | Less than high school |
| Personal care aides | \$18,792 | Less than high school |
| Cashiers | \$18,383 | Less than high school |
| Sales reps., wholesale/manufacturing, except technical/scientific | \$62,134 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| First-line supervisors of mechanics, installers, and repairers | \$57,865 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| Electrical power-line installers and repairers | \$50,179 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| Industrial machinery mechanics | \$49,973 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| Millwrights | \$49,704 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| First-line supervisors of office/admin. support workers | \$48,050 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| First-line supervisors of construction trades/extraction workers | \$44,452 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| Bus and truck mechanics and diesel engine specialists | \$42,449 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| Welders, cutters, solderers, and brazers | \$42,346 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| Electricians | \$42,058 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| Team assemblers | \$40,688 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| Plumbers, pipefitters, and steamfitters | \$40,651 | High school diploma or equivalent |

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| Computer-controlled machine tool operators, metal and plastic | \$39,751 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| Police and sheriff's patrol officers | \$37,119 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| First-line supervisors of housekeeping and janitorial workers | \$35,790 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| Operating engineers/other construction equipment operators | \$35,201 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| Bill and account collectors | \$32,567 | High school diploma or equivalent |
| First-line supervisors of production and operating workers | \$60,019 | Postsecondary non-degree award |
| Heavy and tractor-trailer truck drivers | \$43,267 | Postsecondary non-degree award |
| Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses | \$40,072 | Postsecondary non-degree award |
| Heating/air conditioning/refrigeration mechanics/installers | \$38,788 | Postsecondary non-degree award |
| Surgical technologists | \$37,817 | Postsecondary non-degree award |
| Dental assistants | \$35,114 | Postsecondary non-degree award |
| Medical records and health information technicians | \$34,295 | Postsecondary non-degree award |
| Emergency medical technicians and paramedics | \$30,235 | Postsecondary non-degree award |
| Medical assistants | \$30,034 | Postsecondary non-degree award |
| Computer user support specialists | \$39,800 | Some college, no degree |
| Teacher assistants | \$23,736 | Some college, no degree |
| Dental hygienists | \$63,135 | Associate's degree |
| Registered nurses | \$58,698 | Associate's degree |
| Physical therapist assistants | \$48,412 | Associate's degree |
| Radiologic technologists | \$47,889 | Associate's degree |
| Paralegals and legal assistants | \$43,326 | Associate's degree |
| Medical and clinical laboratory technicians | \$37,546 | Associate's degree |

