The Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH) is an online career guidance resource that provides information on hundreds of occupations in the United States. Published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the OOH allows students and others researching careers to explore different aspects of occupations, including:

- What workers do on the job
- Work environment
- Education, training, and qualifications needed
- Hourly and annual salary
- Projected employment change and job prospects
- Similar occupations
- Contacts for more information

There are five ways to find career information about an occupation:

**Occupation Group Search.** The OOH is broken up into clusters of similar occupations. To find an occupation, you may browse the occupational group of interest on the left-hand side of the homepage. Clicking on a group results in a “landing page” of similar occupations with their respective profiles and data.

**A–Z Index Search.** You may use the alphabetical index to look for an occupation. The index is especially helpful when an occupation is known by several different titles; and it will direct you to the profiles and data for careers that interests you.

**Search Box.** The OOH also allows you to search for occupations by entering a job title into the “Search Handbook” box at the top right of the homepage. This option will produce a list of profiles from the handbook about that particular job.

**Occupation Finder.** The occupation finder makes it easy to search for occupations by median pay, typical entry-level education, typical on-the-job training requirements, projected number of new jobs, projected employment growth rate, or a combination of any of these five characteristics.

**Browse Occupations.** Clicking on the buttons on this section of the OOH website takes you to three distinct pages: highest paying occupations, occupations projected to be the fastest growing, and occupations projected to have the most new jobs created.