

# Occupations in Demand list

## About the list

The Occupations in Demand (OID) list is the key component in the [Learn about an occupation tool](#) that displays occupations across the state and within individual workforce development areas (WDAs). The list is used to determine eligibility for a variety of training and support programs, but was created to support the unemployment insurance [Training Benefits Program](#). The list consists only of occupations that have 50 or more jobs within a designated geographical area.

Each occupation in the OID list is assigned one of three definitions:

- **Demand:** job seekers have a greater probability of finding work within an occupation.
- **Not in demand:** job seekers have a lesser probability of finding work within an occupation.
- **Balanced:** job seekers have an uncertain probability of finding work within an occupation.

## How definitions are created

We evaluate short-, medium- and long-term employment projections to determine whether employment opportunities in more than 800 occupations are expected to increase or decrease. In addition, the current supply of workers and demand from employers is evaluated. Local workforce development councils then review, modify and approve initial regional lists on the basis of their local, on-the-ground experience. [Learn how we determine demand for occupations and about our methodology.](#)

## How to use the OID list in the “[Learn about an occupation tool](#)”

Narrow your search by using the location option under the filter tool. You may also click on an occupational title to get a job description, educational requirements, pay, employment trends and resources, or to explore careers.

## About the wages

Source data for wages in the “[learn about an occupation tool](#)” come from the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey and are subject to restrictions and limitations of the survey. Self-employment, private households and agricultural employment, except for agricultural services, are excluded from OES. Alternative wage estimations, excluding all imputations, were used. All wage estimations are adjusted as of 2016 Q1. [Learn more.](#)

### **Using this information to qualify for Training Benefits**

If you were laid off from a job that is no longer in **demand** and you qualify for unemployment benefits, the Training Benefits Program may allow you to receive extended unemployment benefits while attending training to learn new skills. Learn more about the [Training Benefits Program](#).

### **WorkSource Development Councils - maintenance of the OID list**

Please send any updates and/or feedback you have for the Occupations in Demand list to [Robert Haglund](#) (LMPA) who will update the list for you.