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## ACTIVITY

## Job Hunt

**What + Why:** Use career data to spot patterns in pay, education requirements, job openings, stability, and labor-market trends.

Use evidence from one digital resource, chart, or data snapshot to answer a career scavenger hunt question and share one finding with the class.

**Instructions:**

1. Work with your partner.
2. Review and answer your assigned scavenger hunt question using evidence.
3. Continue to review the provided resource. Document one interesting finding and one question you have about the data provided.
4. Keep an eye out for surprises and try to put all of your assumptions aside!

Be ready to share your findings with the whole group.

## Resources

- Chart: *Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers* <https://www.bls.gov/charts/usual-weekly-earnings/usual-weekly-earnings-over-time-total-men-women.htm>
- Chart: *Projected job openings by educational requirements* <https://www.bls.gov/opub/ted/2024/projected-job-openings-by-educational-requirements.htm>
- Infogram: *Projections 2031-1* <https://infogram.com/projections2031-1-1hxj48pkk7k9q2v>
- Table: *Education and training assignments by detailed occupation* <https://www.bls.gov/emp/tables/education-and-training-by-occupation.htm>
- Infogram: *Projections 2031-3* <https://infogram.com/projections2031-3-1hxj48pkkoe352v>
- Infogram: *Projections 2031-2* <https://infogram.com/projections2031-2-1h0n25yee3prl6p>

- Chart: *Unemployment rates for people 25 years and older by educational attainment* <https://www.bls.gov/charts/employment-situation/unemployment-rates-for-persons-25-years-and-older-by-educational-attainment.htm>

## Scavenger Hunt Questions

1. Find a job field that has high education requirements and is in high demand. Include the data you find. You can use any resource to answer this question.

Answer:

One Finding:

One Question:

2. Find a job field that has low education requirements, but high stability. Include the data you find. You can use any resource to answer this question.

Answer:

One Finding:

One Question:

3. Find the most stable job (projected job openings from 2023–33). Use the Projected job openings by educational requirements resource.

Answer:

One Finding:

One Question:

4. Out of the top projected job openings from 2023–33 for EACH education level, which one has the highest median annual wage? And, what was the education level for that job? Use the Projected job openings by educational requirements resource.

Answer:

One Finding:

One Question:

5. What was the gap in median weekly earnings between men and women in Q2 of 2025? Use the Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers resource.

Answer:

One Finding:

One Question:

6. What was the total (current dollars) median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers in Q1 of 2025? What is that equivalent in 1982–84 dollars? Use the Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers resource.

Answer:

One Finding:

One Question:

7. What was the total (current dollars) median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers in Q1 of 2011? What is that equivalent in 1982–84 dollars? Use the Median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers resource.

Answer:

One Finding:

One Question: