



U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics Scavenger Hunt: Instructor Guide

Introduction:

This activity is designed for students to explore careers from the [U.S. Bureau of Labor website](#), including understanding which careers are fast growing and exploring other occupations.

The following scavenger hunt activity sheet is for students to record their findings. Give students points for information they find on the BLS website for each question.

Tips for Implementing and Adapting Activity:

- If you have limited access to technology, you can print out web pages and hang them up around the classroom for students to find information
- If students are completing the activity virtually, they can screenshot web page information or copy and paste links to information they have found
- Model how to interact with the website. Give support, as needed, for locating information
- Define any relevant vocabulary. See the Transition Tennessee Student Website course on [Exploring Work Options](#) for vocabulary cards that may help support learning
- Support students in using screen reading technology, if necessary
- Encourage students to select an occupation to explore that interests them and that aligns with any career assessments they have taken

Answers to Select Questions

1. Name 3 of the top 10 fastest growing occupations. (3 points)

As of March 2021: Top 3 are 1) Wind turbine service technicians, 2) Nurse practitioners, 3) Solar photovoltaic installers, 4) Occupational therapy assistants, 5) Statisticians, 6) Home health and personal care aides, 7) Physical therapy assistants, 8) Medical and health service managers, 9) Physician assistants, 10) Information security analysts

2. Select an occupation from question 1 to explore further. Occupation: _____ (1 point)

Answers will vary depending on occupation selected. See [Fastest Growing Occupations: Occupational Outlook Handbook: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics \(bls.gov\)](#) as a reference

Use the BLS [Glossary](#) to assist students with unfamiliar vocabulary terms

3. Using your selected occupation, visit the 'Career Outlook' Archives by Department [page](#). Select an 'Interview with a...' _____ (choose an occupation) (1 point)

Answers will vary depending on occupation selected

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4. Using your selected occupation, visit the 'You're a what?' [archive](#). Select an occupation: _____ (1 point)

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Access the [U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics](https://www.bls.gov) website to find information. Use the [supplemental resource](#) on the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics to help you navigate the website.

1. Name 3 of the top 10 fastest growing occupations. (3 points)

2. Select an occupation from question 1 to explore further. Occupation: _____ (1 point)

- a. What is the job outlook from 2019-2029? (percentage of growth) (1 point)
- b. What was the number of jobs in 2019? (1 point)
- c. What is the median annual wage for that job? (1 point)
- d. What are 3 similar occupations? (3 points)

3. Using your selected occupation, visit the 'Career Outlook' Archives by Department page. Select an 'Interview with a...' _____ (choose an occupation) (1 point)

- a. What was the median annual wage (when the interview was held)? (1 point)
- b. What is the projected employment growth? (1 point)
- c. How did they prepare for this career? (1 point)

4. Using your selected occupation, visit the 'You're a what?' archive. Select an occupation:

- a. What was the median annual wage (when the interview was held)? (1 point)
- b. What is the projected employment growth? (1 point)
- c. What are some skills needed for this career? (1 point)

Scavenger Hunt Score: _____/18 points