****Web Project - OOH****

An important aspect of career research is understanding the labor market. You need to know what careers are available, which careers have the most projected job openings, and which careers have a positive outlook or projected growth. Growth and number of openings are different. Go to the Bureau and Labor Statistics Web site at <http://www.bls.gov/>

Select the Menu option  
 Select Publications  
 Select OOH or Occupational Outlook Handbook

On the main page of the OOH. Scroll down to the section titled “Browse Occupations”. This section includes details on the “Highest Paying”, “Fastest growing”, and “Most new job openings.” We will look at the Fastest Growing and Most new Job Openings.

1. Select the “Fastest Growing” Occupations and answer the following: List the top 4 with the fastest growth and the percentage of growth over the next 10 years.

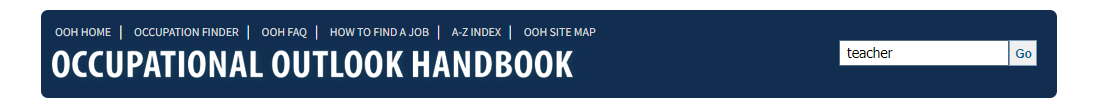
1. Is the job you are considering in the future on this list?
2. Why do you think it would be a good idea to look at this information?

Go back to the main page of the OOH. Select on the “Most New Jobs projected”.

1. Review the entire list. What are the top 3 occupations with the largest number of job openings (total available positions or number that will be vacant or open to fill)

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What position are you going to do your project on?

Find the career you are considering by using the search function on the main page (pictured below) or using the occupational groups. Read the main summary tab and describe what   
it says about your career regarding growth, number of openings and education.   
Write a brief summary of what you learned. 

Enter in search

Now let’s dig deeper. Look at the top menu tabs as shown in the picture below. You will select these tabs to find out more information about your career choice.



Give a brief description of what you will do:

Read about the working environment. From what you read, list in bullet format, several key things about the working environment that may be good for you, and may be not so good:

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| --- | --- |
| Good | Not so good |
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Using the remaining tabs, find the following information:

What is the median pay yearly Calculate the monthly:

What Education Level is needed

What is the job outlook for your position?

What is causing the decline or growth in the career of your choice?

Which tells you more, the summary page or the tabs?

**STOP We will go over this next section tomorrow:**

We will now look at the O\*NET. I like to think of this as about the employee and what skills and abilities he/she needs for this career. O\*NET can be found from within the OOH on the more info tab or you can go to O\*NET at <https://www.onetonline.org>. If you select the more tab, it will take you directly to the page for your career selection in O\*NET. If you go to O\*NET via the URL, on the main page you will need to enter the occupation title in the search bar.

Bring up your occupation in O\*NET. We will use the summary and detail menu tabs for finding this information to answer the following questions.

1. What is the first technical skill needed for this type of job?
2. What class could you take in high school to help with that skill?
3. Review the task, skills, and knowledge sections. From what is listed here, what classes could you take in high school to gain some knowledge if you were interested in this career?

1. Scroll to the bottom of the page and review the wage & Employment trends. From this section look at North Dakota and Colorado. What did you learn by entering this data in?