

# **Career Bliss:**

**Stability. Potential.  
Happiness. Great Pay.**



# **“Work isn’t supposed to be fun! That’s why they call it work!”**

We all have a curmudgeonly friend or family member happy to remind us that work should be miserable. But while work does take effort, if your job demands more than it gives back, it’s time to look elsewhere.

The growing economy and reduction in unemployment have combined to make 2017 a great year to find your stable, promising, exciting and great-paying dream job — if you know where to look.

In this eBook, you’ll learn where and how to “find it all”:

- Tips on identifying what your “dream job” looks like
- Recommendations on the best industries for stability, potential, happiness, and pay
- Advice for landing the job you want

# What is the "Best Job," Anyway?

The answer: It depends on what you want.

While this isn't cut and dried, it is great news. If the "best job" were a single position, everyone in the country would fight for it. Instead, you have the chance to find the best job for you and your goals.

Start your search by asking yourself these three questions:

## **What do I want *right now*?**

Are you looking for a way to prove yourself? Thirsting for mentorship? Excited to use your developing skills? Looking longingly at your bank balance? List everything you want in a job right now, and then rank the items by priority.

## **Where do I see myself in five years? Ten years? At retirement?**

Take some time to imagine yourself at each stage. Don't be afraid to dream big. If a newspaper were to put your accomplishments on the front page, what would you want the headline to say?

## **What can I do right now that gets me closest to that goal?**

Take a look at your list of right-now priorities again. Now, rank them according to their importance in getting you closer to your long-term goals. Note any patterns that emerge: They're telling you what your best job looks like.





# Seeking Top-Notch Stability

Automation has replaced many of the jobs held by previous generations, and it stands poised to eliminate many more. But there are some jobs no robot can do. Here's where to look if long-term stability is your goal, according to career site Glassdoor:

## **Technology.**

Humans are behind the automation of countless processes, and humans are needed to research, develop, create and troubleshoot the many technological tools that make our modern lives possible.

## **Health Care.**

Human bodies need good medical care throughout life, and when we need care (and comfort), we seek out other humans to provide it.

## **Finance.**

Expanding or shrinking, business requires financial planners, accountants and similar professionals who can track movement, make predictions and offer answers.





# Growing into Your Role:

## CAREERS WITH GREAT POTENTIAL

Our grandfathers may have been able to pull the same lever for decades—but today, workers who embrace the chance to learn new things and move up the career ladder demonstrate more job satisfaction than those who encounter roadblocks. Here are the growing industries offering the best growth potential, according to CareerBuilder:

### **Business and Financial Operations.**

The desire to maintain a competitive edge is encouraging more growth (and improving pay) in this sector.

### **Information Technology.**

Smartphones, smart homes, smart cars—IT professionals are behind it all, from research and development to troubleshooting customer concerns.

### **Health Care.**

A growing (and aging) population always needs competent, caring professionals who can help address health concerns.

### **Skilled Trades.**

The skilled trades saw 8 percent growth in 2016, equal to that in the business and IT sectors. As the economy grows, so does the need for individuals who can build, fix and maintain the necessary infrastructure.





# Who's Happiest?

## THERE'S A SURVEY FOR THAT

Forbes and CareerBliss.com compiled and analyzed data from 43,000 independent employee reviews to find out who was happiest on the job. Workers ranked work relationships, workplace environments, resources, compensation, growth, culture and more.

Here's where to look for the happiest co-workers:

### **Government.**

With an index score of 4.07, government workers rated the happiest at their jobs.

### **Education.**

Teachers, administrators, and other educators landed at 4.06 on the happiness scale.

### **Wholesale and Distribution.**

Warehouse personnel love their jobs too, rating a 3.98 overall.

### **Real Estate Construction.**

These workers tied with warehouse personnel in rating their job happiness.

### **Telecommunications.**

This rapidly growing, ever-changing industry ranked a 3.95.





# Bringing Home the Bacon:

## BEST-PAYING INDUSTRIES

They say money can't buy happiness, but it can provide stability and a better quality of life—and for some people, simply watching the bank balance grow is deeply satisfying. Here are the best-paying positions in the United States, according to Business Insider:

**Anesthesiologist** ranked #1, with an average annual salary just over \$250,000 and projected growth of 21 percent between 2014 and 2024. Certified registered nurse anesthetists also made the Top 20 list.

**Surgeons** ranked just behind anesthesiologists, which is unsurprising: the two often work on the same team. Physicians, pediatricians, psychiatrists and OB-GYNs also made the Top 20.

**Orthodontists** also ranked highly in the Business Insider list, as did dentists and prosthodontists, who specialize in oral prostheses.

**Petroleum engineers** focusing on creating new technology for tapping oil reserves, while in a lower-growth industry than healthcare, still average just under \$150,000 per year on average, according to Business Insider.

Rounding out the list were IT and marketing managers, financial and sales managers, lawyers and pharmacists.





# Further Reading:

## MORE RESOURCES FOR FINDING YOUR BEST JOB

Wondering what else is out there? These lists can help.

[\*\*U.S. News's 100 Best Jobs of 2017\*\*](#) focused on jobs that offer lower stress and better work-life balance.

[\*\*Fortune's Change the World\*\*](#) rankings provide an overview of the best jobs and companies for making a positive difference in the world.

[\*\*Thrillest's 17 Dream Jobs That Seem Way too Good to Be True\*\*](#) can help you "dream big" if your goal is to turn a passion into cash.

[\*\*CareerBuilder and EMSI's Best Jobs Without a College Degree\*\*](#) is a great resource if you're just starting out, want to begin your career during college, or are considering a career change.

[\*\*Glassdoor.com's 2017 Best Places to Work\*\*](#) uses employee reviews to check out the best employers within the best industries.