

2026 High Priority Occupations for Westmoreland-Fayette Counties Workforce Development Area

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			Entry Level	Annual Average	Exper. Level	Estimated 2022	Projected 2032	Percent Change	Annual Demand
11-1021	General & Operations Managers	BD+	\$54,640	\$111,800	\$140,380	3,820	3,960	3.7%	320
11-2022	Sales Managers	BD+	\$74,580	\$137,720	\$169,290	360	370	2.8%	27
11-9051	Food Service Managers	WK EXP	\$46,460	\$67,650	\$78,250	430	440	2.3%	49
11-9111	Medical & Health Services Managers	BD+	\$69,730	\$107,900	\$126,990	400	520	30.0%	44
11-9141	Property, Real Estate & Community Association Managers	WK EXP	\$46,950	\$71,370	\$83,580	190	210	10.5%	18
13-1031	Claims Adjusters, Examiners & Investigators	LT OJT	\$63,360	\$83,790	\$94,010	240	230	-4.2%	15
13-1051	Cost Estimators	BD+	\$53,470	\$77,510	\$89,540	340	320	-5.9%	26
13-1082	Project Management Specialists	BD	\$64,960	\$101,290	\$119,460	610	630	3.3%	44
13-1111	Management Analysts	BD+	\$56,560	\$100,410	\$122,340	350	400	14.3%	35
13-1161	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	BD	\$37,830	\$64,440	\$77,750	580	640	10.3%	60
13-2011	Accountants & Auditors	BD	\$51,930	\$78,050	\$91,110	1,410	1,500	6.4%	120
13-2052	Personal Financial Advisors	BD+	\$63,360	\$158,580	\$206,190	360	420	16.7%	29
15-1232	Computer User Support Specialists	PS+	\$38,410	\$58,690	\$68,830	470	480	2.1%	32
15-1252	Software Developers	BD	\$77,600	\$123,270	\$146,110	400	500	25.0%	34
17-2071	Electrical Engineers	BD	\$80,750	\$114,860	\$131,910	350	370	5.7%	21
17-2112	Industrial Engineers	BD	\$71,210	\$96,810	\$109,620	540	610	13.0%	39
17-2141	Mechanical Engineers	BD	\$67,230	\$95,600	\$109,790	840	940	11.9%	58
17-3013	Mechanical Drafters	AD	\$52,060	\$70,460	\$79,670	190	180	-5.3%	13
17-3023	Electrical & Electronics Engr Technologists & Technicians	AD	\$43,180	\$64,990	\$75,900	330	320	-3.0%	29
17-3026	Industrial Engineering Technologists & Technicians	AD	\$55,270	\$77,080	\$87,980	90	90	0.0%	7
19-4031	Chemical Technicians	AD+	\$42,200	\$52,870	\$58,210	200	200	0.0%	22
19-5011	Occupational Health & Safety Specialists	BD	\$62,800	\$91,860	\$106,390	160	180	12.5%	21
21-1018	Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder & MH Counselors	BD	\$40,570	\$56,460	\$64,410	610	730	19.7%	67
23-2011	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	AD	\$45,110	\$60,520	\$68,230	140	150	7.1%	15
25-2011	Preschool Teachers	AD	\$26,310	\$35,240	\$39,700	570	580	1.8%	62
25-2012	Kindergarten Teachers	BD	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
25-2021	Elementary School Teachers	BD	\$58,010	\$77,730	\$87,590	1,800	1,800	0.0%	119
25-2022	Middle School Teachers	BD	N/A	N/A	N/A	850	860	1.2%	57
25-2031	Secondary School Teachers	BD	\$56,100	\$78,130	\$89,140	1,270	1,280	0.8%	79
25-2032	Career/Technical Education Teachers, Secondary School	BD+	\$49,430	\$64,450	\$71,960	150	150	0.0%	9
25-2052	Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten & Elementary School	BD	N/A	N/A	N/A	180	180	0.0%	12
25-2058	Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	BD	\$49,580	\$71,340	\$82,220	230	230	0.0%	16
27-1024	Graphic Designers	BD	\$41,220	\$56,630	\$64,330	240	250	4.2%	21
29-1141	Registered Nurses	BD	\$68,220	\$86,860	\$96,180	2,820	2,950	4.6%	168

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29-1171	Nurse Practitioners	MD	\$102,690	\$123,560	\$134,000	210	310	47.6%	22
29-1292	Dental Hygienists	AD	\$70,450	\$76,700	\$79,830	300	320	6.7%	21
29-2042	Emergency Medical Technicians	PS	N/A	N/A	N/A	510	570	11.8%	43
29-2055	Surgical Technologists	PS	\$45,160	\$63,460	\$72,610	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
29-2061	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	PS	\$54,200	\$64,220	\$69,230	760	800	5.3%	63
29-2072	Medical Records Specialists	PS	\$36,990	\$49,320	\$55,490	160	170	6.3%	12
31-1131	Nursing Assistants	PS	\$36,870	\$42,730	\$45,670	1,700	1,720	1.2%	244
31-2011	Occupational Therapy Assistants	AD	\$52,290	\$62,740	\$67,960	120	170	41.7%	24
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	AD	\$47,980	\$58,620	\$63,940	120	160	33.3%	23
31-9091	Dental Assistants	PS	\$41,790	\$50,470	\$54,810	370	390	5.4%	54
31-9093	Medical Equipment Preparers	MT OJT	N/A	N/A	N/A	50	50	0.0%	7
33-3012	Correctional Officers & Jailers	MT OJT	\$46,230	\$63,400	\$71,980	590	550	-6.8%	46
33-3021	Detectives & Criminal Investigators	WK EXP	\$69,590	\$86,830	\$95,450	80	90	12.5%	7
33-3051	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	MT OJT	\$53,700	\$79,560	\$92,490	910	950	4.4%	74
37-1011	Supervisors - Housekeeping & Janitorial Workers	WK EXP	\$34,520	\$47,710	\$54,300	180	180	0.0%	21
39-1022	Supervisors - Personal Service Workers	WK EXP	\$36,650	\$49,970	\$56,630	360	390	8.3%	44
39-9011	Childcare Workers	ST OJT	\$22,340	\$29,600	\$33,240	1,290	1,250	-3.1%	206
41-1011	Supervisors - Retail Sales Workers	WK EXP	\$32,610	\$48,610	\$56,600	2,300	2,220	-3.5%	214
41-3031	Securities, Commodities & Financial Services Sales Agents	BD+	\$47,080	\$79,080	\$95,080	290	330	13.8%	27
41-3091	Sales Representatives - Services	MT OJT	\$37,380	\$73,970	\$92,260	780	810	3.8%	76
43-1011	Supervisors - Office & Administrative Support Workers	WK EXP	\$44,100	\$64,220	\$74,280	1,690	1,640	-3.0%	153
43-3031	Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	PS+	\$34,080	\$47,990	\$54,940	1,790	1,690	-5.6%	192
43-4061	Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs	MT OJT	\$50,610	\$59,660	\$64,190	350	370	5.7%	33
43-5031	Public Safety Telecommunicators	MT OJT	\$37,910	\$48,640	\$54,010	120	120	0.0%	11
43-5032	Dispatchers	MT OJT	\$37,080	\$52,530	\$60,250	220	220	0.0%	21
43-5052	Postal Service Mail Carriers	ST OJT	\$44,750	\$61,260	\$69,520	540	520	-3.7%	38
43-5061	Production, Planning & Expediting Clerks	MT OJT	\$42,250	\$61,530	\$71,160	310	320	3.2%	33
43-5071	Shipping, Receiving & Inventory Clerks	ST OJT	\$35,390	\$48,720	\$55,380	1,160	1,090	-6.0%	106
43-6014	Secretaries & Administrative Assistants	ST OJT	\$32,240	\$44,240	\$50,240	2,320	2,070	-10.8%	219
45-1011	Supervisors - Farming, Fishing & Forestry Workers	WK EXP	\$48,220	\$66,390	\$75,480	60	70	16.7%	10
47-1011	Supervisors - Construction & Extraction Workers	WK EXP	\$59,340	\$83,130	\$95,020	1,020	1,030	1.0%	83
47-2031	Carpenters	LT OJT	\$43,830	\$63,320	\$73,070	1,210	1,220	0.8%	99
47-2061	Construction Laborers	ST OJT	\$39,350	\$53,380	\$60,400	2,420	2,500	3.3%	217
47-2073	Operating Engineers	MT OJT	\$47,350	\$66,790	\$76,510	1,080	1,100	1.9%	93

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47-2111	Electricians	LT OJT	\$46,890	\$74,000	\$87,560	660	690	4.5%	62
47-2152	Plumbers, Pipefitters & Steamfitters	LT OJT	\$48,200	\$71,110	\$82,560	460	460	0.0%	40
47-4051	Highway Maintenance Workers	MT OJT	\$40,010	\$51,370	\$57,060	450	490	8.9%	47
47-5013	Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, & Mining	MT OJT	\$47,660	\$56,930	\$61,570	360	340	-5.6%	33
47-5022	Excavating/Loading/Dragline Machine Oprs, Surface Mining	WK EXP	N/A	N/A	N/A	100	100	0.0%	9
49-2022	Telecommunications Equipment Installers & Repairers	PS+	\$51,470	\$73,110	\$83,940	170	180	5.9%	18
49-2094	Elec. Repairers, Commercial & Industrial Equipment	PS+	\$42,700	\$57,450	\$64,830	100	100	0.0%	8
49-3021	Automotive Body & Related Repairers	LT OJT	\$38,680	\$55,920	\$64,540	240	240	0.0%	20
49-3023	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	PS	\$36,200	\$51,660	\$59,390	1,550	1,590	2.6%	137
49-3031	Bus & Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists	LT OJT	\$46,160	\$62,100	\$70,070	530	550	3.8%	46
49-3041	Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service Technicians	LT OJT	\$39,970	\$49,780	\$54,690	70	80	14.3%	7
49-3042	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	LT OJT	\$49,210	\$64,580	\$72,270	340	360	5.9%	29
49-9021	Heating, A/C & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	PS+	\$45,570	\$60,360	\$67,760	550	580	5.5%	50
49-9041	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	LT OJT	\$50,040	\$64,430	\$71,630	670	780	16.4%	66
49-9051	Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	LT OJT	N/A	N/A	N/A	110	120	9.1%	9
49-9052	Telecommunications Line Installers & Repairers	LT OJT	\$53,270	\$79,640	\$92,830	160	180	12.5%	16
49-9071	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	MT OJT	\$36,500	\$53,030	\$61,290	1,790	1,860	3.9%	170
51-1011	Supervisors - Production & Operating Workers	WK EXP	\$52,620	\$75,010	\$86,210	1,080	1,080	0.0%	100
51-4021	Extruding & Drawing Machine Setters/Oprs/Tenders	MT OJT	N/A	N/A	N/A	220	200	-9.1%	20
51-4031	Cutting, Punching & Press Machine Setters/Oprs/Tenders	MT OJT	\$35,540	\$46,030	\$51,280	240	210	-12.5%	20
51-4033	Grind/Lap/Polish/Buffering Machine Setters/Oprs/Tenders	MT OJT	\$42,250	\$50,990	\$55,360	350	320	-8.6%	32
51-4041	Machinists	LT OJT	\$41,920	\$55,970	\$62,990	880	930	5.7%	92
51-4081	Multiple Machine Tool Setters/Oprs/Tenders	MT OJT	\$36,400	\$47,370	\$52,860	400	390	-2.5%	36
51-4121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	MT OJT	\$44,360	\$57,660	\$64,320	750	790	5.3%	78
51-8021	Stationary Engineers & Boiler Operators	LT OJT	\$45,550	\$60,180	\$67,500	80	80	0.0%	8
51-9023	Mixing & Blending Machine Setters/Oprs/Tenders	MT OJT	\$43,530	\$51,800	\$55,930	160	150	-6.3%	15
51-9061	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers & Weighers	MT OJT	\$35,100	\$51,740	\$60,070	990	950	-4.0%	106
51-9081	Dental Laboratory Technicians	MT OJT	N/A	N/A	N/A	100	100	0.0%	12
51-9195	Molders, Shapers & Casters	LT OJT	\$36,900	\$44,900	\$48,900	110	110	0.0%	14
53-3032	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	PS	\$45,220	\$61,030	\$68,930	3,840	4,060	5.7%	433
53-3053	Shuttle Drivers & Chauffeurs	ST OJT	\$24,130	\$32,930	\$37,330	420	440	4.8%	61

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Educational Attainment Abbreviations:

- Short-term or Moderate-term training (**ST OJT** or **MT OJT**) – basic tasks and skills are learned through a period of on-the-job training. A high school diploma may be required.
- Long-term training (**LT OJT**) – a high school diploma and at least one year of on-the-job training or an apprenticeship.
- Related work experience (**WK EXP**) – a high school diploma and training gained through hands-on work in a similar occupation.
- Postsecondary training (**PS** or **PS+**) – training is gained through a postsecondary training program. Some period of related work experience may be required.
- Associate Degree (**AD** or **AD+**) – degree completed after two years of full-time schooling beyond high school. Some period of related work experience may be required.
- Bachelor’s Degree (**BD** or **BD+**) – degree completed after four years of full-time schooling beyond high school. Some period of related work experience may be required.
- Master’s Degree (**MD** or **MD+**) – degree completed after two years of full-time schooling beyond a bachelor’s degree. Some period of related work experience may be required.
- Doctoral Degree (**DOCT**) – degree programs requiring 3-6 years of education at the college or university level beyond a four-year bachelor's degree.