



OCCUPATIONAL OUTLOOK HANDBOOK

Travel Agents

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Summary

| Quick Facts: Travel Agents | |
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| 2024 Median Pay | \$48,450 per year \$23.29 per hour |
| Typical Entry-Level Education | High school diploma or equivalent |
| Work Experience in a Related Occupation | None |
| On-the-job Training | Moderate-term on-the-job training |
| Number of Jobs, 2024 | 65,700 |
| Job Outlook, 2024-34 | 2% (Slower than average) |
| Employment Change, 2024-34 | 1,400 |



What Travel Agents Do

Travel agents sell transportation, lodging, and entertainment activities to individuals and groups planning trips.

Work Environment

Travel agents typically spend much of their day sitting, working on the phone and on the computer. Most travel agents work for travel agencies; many are self-employed.

How to Become a Travel Agent

A high school diploma typically is required for someone to become a travel agent. However, employers may prefer to hire candidates who have sales experience or relevant certification or education. Good communication and customer service skills are essential.

Pay

The median annual wage for travel agents was \$48,450 in May 2024.

Job Outlook

Employment of travel agents is projected to grow 2 percent from 2024 to 2034, slower than the average for all occupations.

Despite limited employment growth, about 7,100 openings for travel agents are projected each year, on average, over the decade. Most of those openings are expected to result from the need to replace workers who transfer to different occupations or exit the labor force, such as to retire.

State & Area Data

Explore resources for employment and wages by state and area for travel agents.

Similar Occupations

Compare the job duties, education, job growth, and pay of travel agents with similar occupations.

More Information, Including Links to O*NET

Learn more about travel agents by visiting additional resources, including O*NET, a source on key characteristics of workers and occupations.

What They Do ->

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