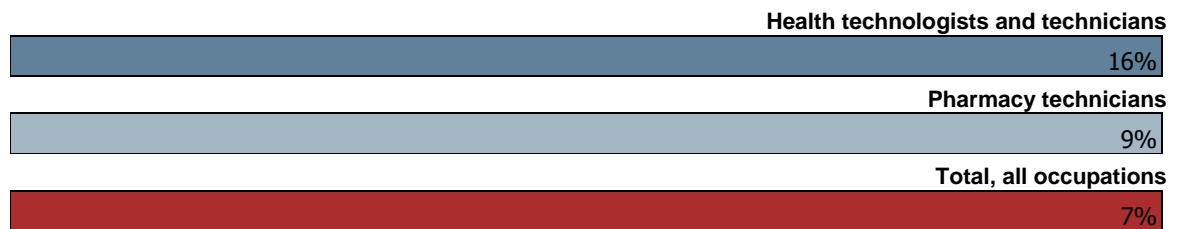


Pharmacy Technician Job Outlook

Pharmacy Technicians

Percent change in employment, projected 2014-24



Note: All Occupations includes all occupations in the U.S. Economy.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections program

Employment of pharmacy technicians is projected to grow 9 percent from 2014 to 2024, faster than the average for all occupations. Several factors will lead to increased demand for prescription medications.

The population is aging, and older people typically use more prescription medicines than younger people. Higher rates of chronic diseases such as diabetes among all age groups also will lead to increased demand for prescription medications. Advances in pharmaceutical research will allow for more prescription medications to be used to fight diseases.

The number of individuals who have health insurance is expected to continue to increase because of federal health insurance reform. As more people have access to insurance coverage, more pharmacy technicians will be needed to handle their prescriptions.

In addition, pharmacy technicians may be needed to take on a greater role in pharmacy operations because pharmacists are increasingly performing more patient care activities such as giving flu shots. Technicians will need to perform tasks such as collecting patient information, preparing more types of medications, and verifying the work of other technicians, tasks formerly done by pharmacists.

Employment projections data for pharmacy technicians, 2014-24

Occupational Title	SOC Code	Employment, 2014	Projected Employment, 2024	Change, 2014-24		Employment by Industry
				Percent	Numeric	

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections program

Pharmacy Technicians Pay

Pharmacy Technicians

Median annual wages, May 2015

The median annual wage for pharmacy technicians was \$30,410 in May 2015. The median wage is the wage at which half the workers in an occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less. The lowest 10 percent earned less than \$20,950, and the highest 10 percent earned more than \$45,030.

In May 2015, the median annual wages for pharmacy technicians in the top industries in which they worked were as follows:

General medical and surgical hospitals; private	\$35,280
Other general merchandise stores	29,750
Department stores	29,220
Grocery stores	28,730
Pharmacies and drug stores	28,360

Most pharmacy technicians work full time. Pharmacies may be open at all hours. Therefore, pharmacy technicians may have to work nights or weekends.

Pharmacy technicians

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