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ACADEMY

WEEK 2

CAREER READINESS



WELCOME TO WEEK 2:

Career Readiness

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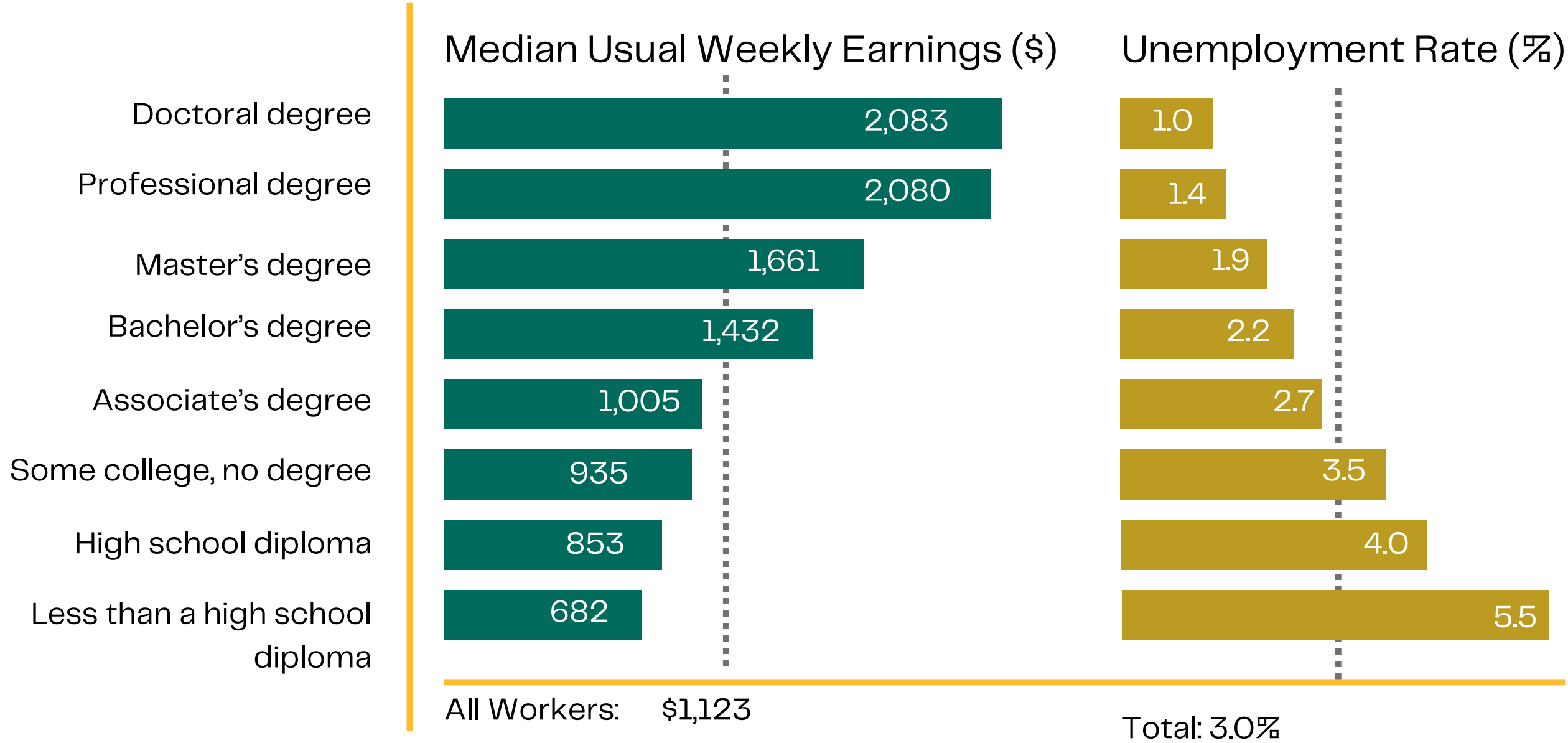
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WHY GO TO COLLEGE for a Job?



Earnings and Unemployment Rates by Educational Attainment, 2022



NOTE:
Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

SOURCE:
US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

DISCOVERING YOUR PATH:

Interests and Strengths

Assess your interests and skills as a starting point for career exploration.



Building and fixing things

Carpenter
Automotive Mechanic
Drafter

Architect
Civil Engineer
Electrician



Music and art

Actor
Artist
Dancer

Designer
Musician
Photographer



Computers

Database Administrator
Computer Support Specialist
Computer Hardware Engineer

Software Developer
Web Developer
Systems Analyst



Nature

Agricultural &
Food Scientist
Floral Designer
Farmer

Landscape Architect
Veterinarian
Zoologist

TOOLS FOR CAREER

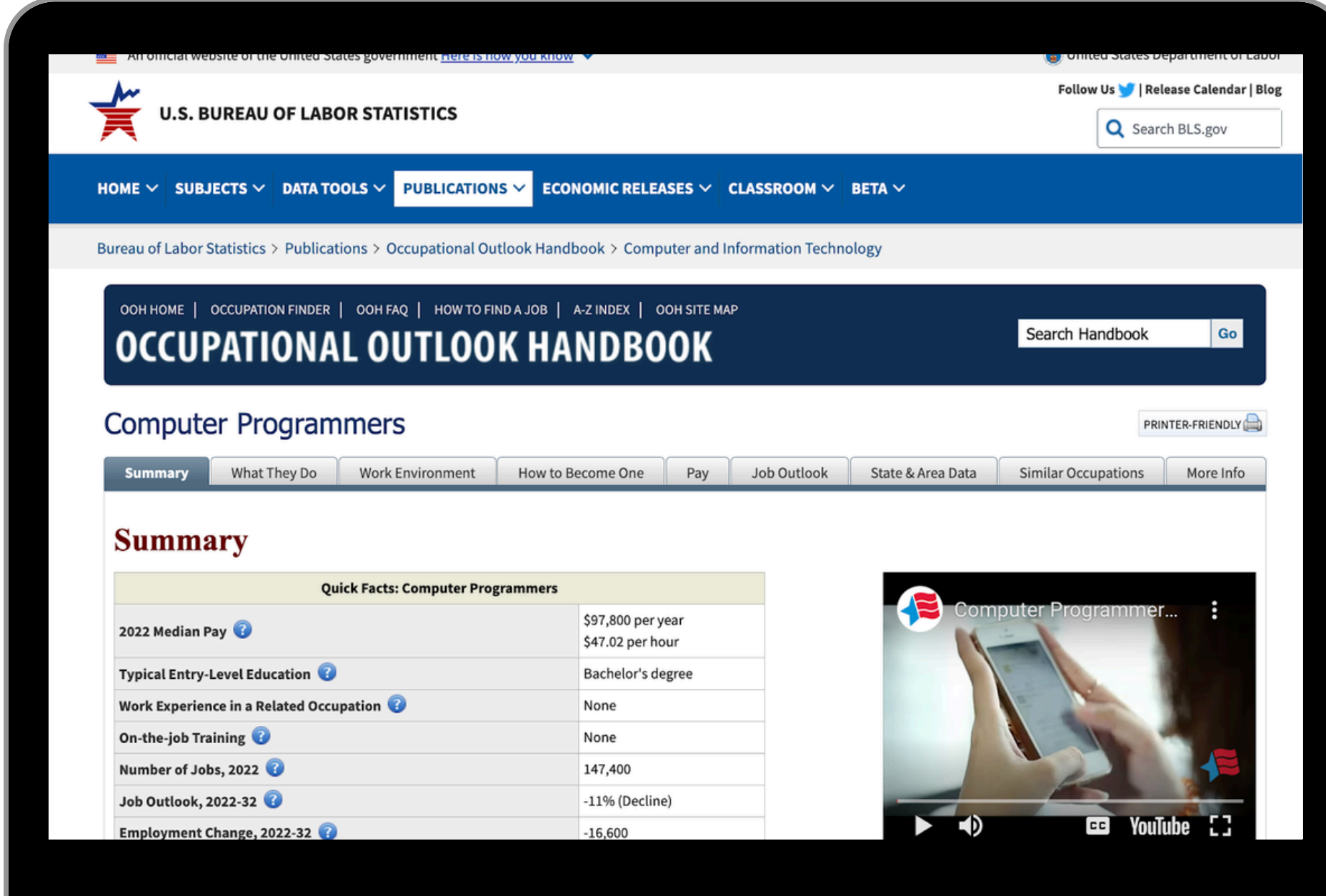
Self-Assessment

- ✓ CareerOneStop Guide
- ✓ O*NET Interest Profiler
- ✓ The Princeton Review Career Quiz
- ✓ MAPP Career Test
- ✓ BigFuture Career Quiz



EXPLORING Career Paths

Example: Computer Programmer



The screenshot shows the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook page for Computer Programmers. The page includes a navigation menu, a search bar, and a table of quick facts.

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Computer Programmers

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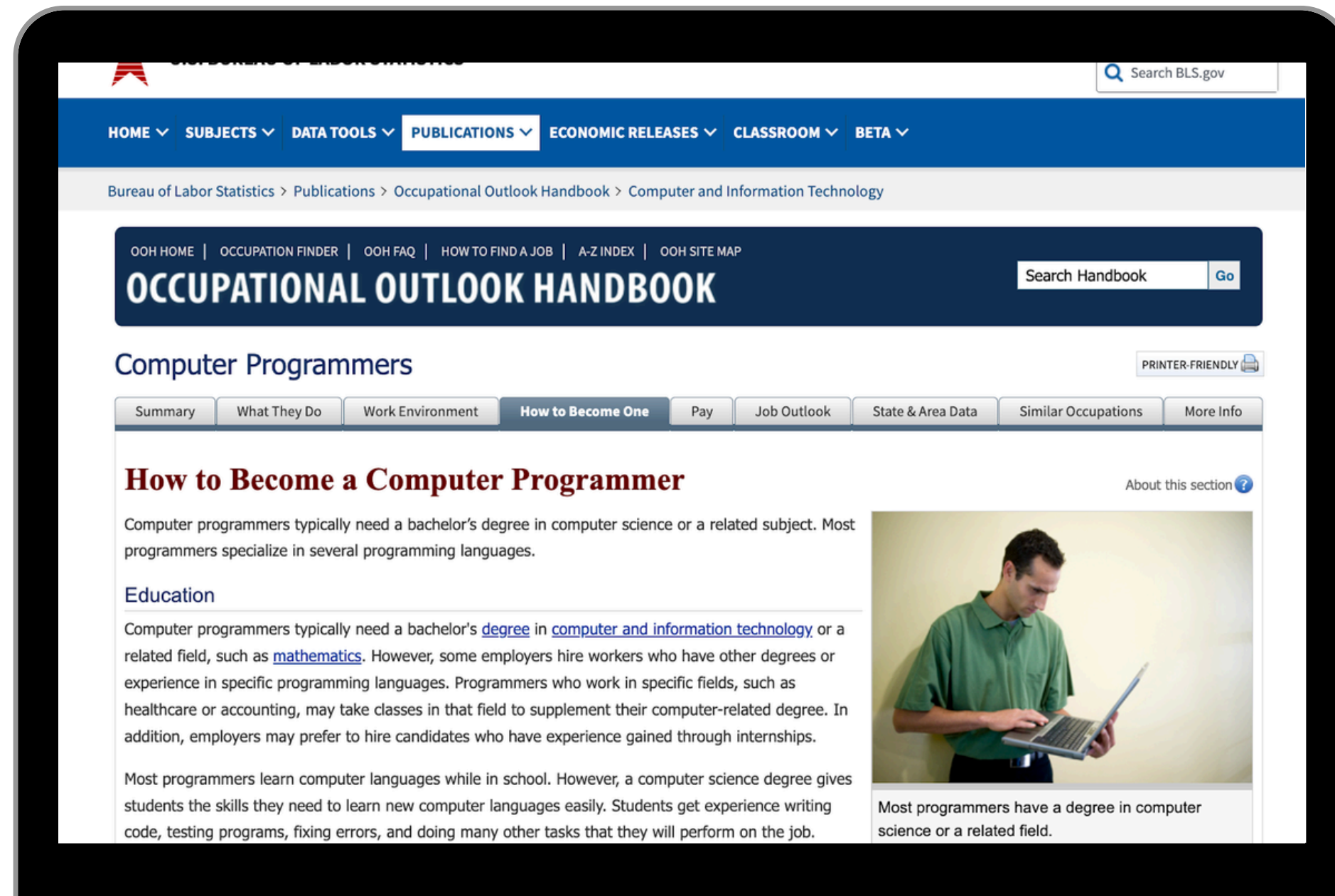
Summary

Quick Facts: Computer Programmers	
2022 Median Pay	\$97,800 per year \$47.02 per hour
Typical Entry-Level Education	Bachelor's degree
Work Experience in a Related Occupation	None
On-the-job Training	None
Number of Jobs, 2022	147,400
Job Outlook, 2022-32	-11% (Decline)
Employment Change, 2022-32	-16,600

Computer Programmer...

MATCHING CAREERS with Education

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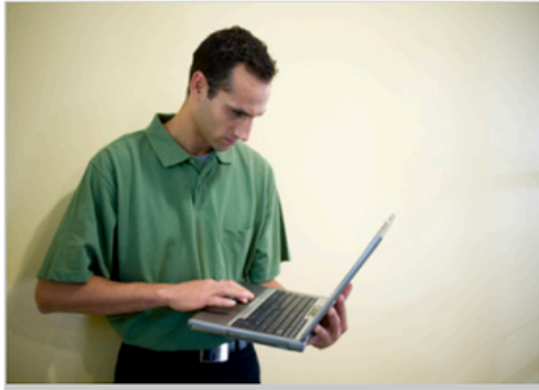
How to Become a Computer Programmer About this section ?

Computer programmers typically need a bachelor's degree in computer science or a related subject. Most programmers specialize in several programming languages.

Education

Computer programmers typically need a bachelor's [degree](#) in [computer and information technology](#) or a related field, such as [mathematics](#). However, some employers hire workers who have other degrees or experience in specific programming languages. Programmers who work in specific fields, such as healthcare or accounting, may take classes in that field to supplement their computer-related degree. In addition, employers may prefer to hire candidates who have experience gained through internships.

Most programmers learn computer languages while in school. However, a computer science degree gives students the skills they need to learn new computer languages easily. Students get experience writing code, testing programs, fixing errors, and doing many other tasks that they will perform on the job.



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THE VALUE OF Practical Experience



Internships and Part-Time Jobs

Gain hands-on work experience
and explore career paths.



Volunteering

Build character and contribute
meaningfully to the community.



Extracurriculars

Develop key skills like leadership,
teamwork, and problem-solving.

THE POWER OF **Networking**

1

Local Events

Attend job and career fairs to start building connections that can lead to future opportunities.

2

Online Profiles

Set up a professional LinkedIn profile to highlight skills and connect with professionals and peers.

3

Informational Interviews

Reach out to family, friends, alumni or professionals for informational interviews.

4

Professional Associations

Join student chapters of professional societies to expand professional community.



KEY TAKEAWAYS AND NEXT STEPS



Key Takeaways



Career Exploration:

Identifying interests and skills as a foundation for career planning.



Practical Experience:

Encouraging internships, volunteering, and extracurricular activities for real-world skills.



Networking:

Building connections through various channels to enhance career opportunities.



Educational Alignment:

Aligning education with career goals through thoughtful choices in majors and minors.



Next Steps

Engage in discussions with your child about their career interests and educational goals. Help them reflect on today's key insights and how these can be applied to their journey.



Next Session Preview

Join us next time for a discussion on 'Social-Emotional Support for the College Landscape.'

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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Group discussions for sharing experiences, strategies, and personal insights exploring careers and education plans with your child.



Q&A

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Address specific concerns about preparing for a career, leveraging educational choices, and maximizing practical experiences for career success.



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