

How to Pull Your Numbers From a BLS Page



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BLS is the Bureau of Labor Statistics. It is the government office that reports national job, preparation, pay, and outlook information. This guide gives you the four fields used in this lesson and a fixed-data route if the live BLS page does not load.

Match the HQIM title to the BLS occupation

HQIM CAREER TITLE	CLOSEST BLS OCCUPATION FOR THIS LESSON
Software Developer	Software Developers
App Developer (Mobile)	Software Developers
Game Developer	Software Developers
Web Developer	Web Developers and Digital Designers

App and game development are specializations. BLS reports them inside a broader occupation instead of giving each one a separate Quick Facts page. Keep the HQIM title in the HQIM section and write the broader BLS title in the BLS section.

If the live BLS page opens

For each career, copy only these four fields from the Quick Facts box:

YOUR WORKSHEET ROW	THE QUICK FACTS ROW TO COPY	WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE
BLS occupation title	Page title	The broader occupation name
National median + data year	2024 Median Pay	A dollar amount per year and 2024
Typical entry education	Typical Entry-Level Education	A school level or stated range
Outlook percent + years	Job Outlook	A percent and 2024-2034

Do not add Number of Jobs, annual openings, Employment Change, or a second job description.

If the live BLS page is unavailable

Use this fixed card. It uses May 2024 national median pay and 2024-2034 national projections.

BLS OCCUPATION TITLE	NATIONAL MEDIAN + YEAR	TYPICAL ENTRY EDUCATION	OUTLOOK + YEARS
Software Developers	\$133,080 (May 2024)	Bachelor's degree	15%, 2024-2034
Web Developers and Digital Designers	\$95,380 (May 2024 combined median)	Varies from high school diploma to bachelor's degree	7%, 2024-2034

Source note: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, [Software Developers](#) and [Web Developers and Digital Designers](#). Accessed August 10, 2026.

Three things that trip people up

- **Per year, not per hour.** The pay row shows both. Copy the year amount. The hourly amount is a much smaller number.
- **Median is not starting pay.** Median means the middle of everyone in that career. A brand new worker usually earns less than the median.
- **One BLS occupation can match more than one HQIM title.** That is expected. Do not invent a different BLS number for App Developer or Game Developer.