

Job Search with AVID class

Many of you have an idea of what kind of job and career you want. Some of you have no idea, and some of you think you know what kind of job you want but will end up doing something else entirely.

The U.S. Labor Department website offers a lot of information about what jobs pay, how much education they require and how plentiful they are likely to be in 5 or 10 years. Today we're going to look at some general information about the job market; then you'll have a chance find out about specific jobs that might interest you; and then you'll get to look at a current listing of jobs in San Miguel and Montrose Counties.

1. Please go to <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/fastest-growing>. It lists the jobs the government expects to grow the most quickly over the next decade. What does this tell you about where the government thinks the economy is headed? Possible answers:

-- alternative energy jobs (wind service technician; solar installers) are growing faster than oil industry jobs (drill operator, roustabouts)

-- health care industry (occupational therapists, physicians assistants) are growing fast.

Possible Question: Why are wind turbine tech jobs growing almost twice as fast as physicians' assistant jobs? Point out that wind energy is a relatively new field so it's growing from a relatively small base of jobs.

2. Now go to <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>. If you click on an occupation group, you can find jobs in that field. Find two or three jobs that interest you or that you are curious about. They can be within the same or different occupation groups. Write down the expected 2019-2029 growth rate, the median 2020 pay and the education requirements and share what you find with the class.

3. Go to www.connectingcolorado.com/ Under job seekers, click on Quick Job Search. Under location put in San Miguel and, under job type, click on any job categories you want. Find a job opening in at least two job categories. Then do the same for Montrose County. Share what you find with the class.

