

## ECON QUIZ

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In our second week celebrating graduation season, Econ Quiz is looking at three well known, and one not-so-well-known, career paths for Wisconsin residents. Considering seasonally adjusted tallies, rank the jobs below from highest to lowest in terms of how many Wisconsin residents are employed as each:

- a) Heavy tractor and trailer-truck drivers
- b) Bridge and lock tenders
- c) Registered nurses
- d) Elementary school teachers

**Answer: C, D, A, B** According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2017 around 55,940 Wisconsin residents were employed as registered nurses, earning an average annual wage of \$69,200. About 29,520 Wisconsin residents were employed as elementary school teachers, earning an average annual wage of \$56,940, another 48,400 were employed as heavy tractor and trailer truck drivers, earning an average annual wage of \$44,300 and 180 were employed as bridge and lock tenders, earning an average annual wage of \$48,030.

**Sources:**

Bureau of Labor Statistics (2018). Occupational Employment Statistics: May 2016 National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, United States. Via [https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes\\_nat.htm#27-0000](https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes_nat.htm#27-0000)