

# Five Right Fit Jobs for Your Personality

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When defining their dream jobs, many people base their selections on a similar set of criteria: earnings, fun, flexibility and even prestige. Yet many overlook what is perhaps the most important factor of all; how their personality type corresponds to jobs.

Personality type offers valuable insights into how well people will enjoy their job, get along with colleagues, and like their work environment, says Laurence Shatkin, Ph.D., author of **“50 Best Jobs for Your Personality, Second Edition”**.

“People who have a certain personality feel more capable of doing certain things and dealing with certain problems. They also feel more accepted when they are among people with personalities similar to their own. This is especially true for one place where people spend a major portion of their time: at work! People want to feel that they fit in with the people and with the activities where they work,” says Shatkin.

In his book, Shatkin connects occupational researcher John Holland’s RIASEC personality types to rewarding careers that suit them best.

[ Note: You can take Holland’s personality assessment, “The Self Selected Search” for \$9.95 online at: [www.self-directed-search.com/](http://www.self-directed-search.com/) ]

Shatkin selected these occupations based on a score of their combined earnings, growth and annual openings.

Below are five of the best jobs for each RIASEC personality type, according to Shatkin’s research and information from the U.S. Department of Labor:

## Realistic Personalities

Civil Engineers

Average Annual Earnings: \$71,710

Percent Job Growth: 18.0 percent

Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging, and Systems Assemblers

Average Annual Earnings: \$45,420

Percent Job Growth: 12.8 percent

Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers

Average Annual Earnings: \$52,570

Percent Job Growth: 7.2 percent

Computer Support Specialists

Average Annual Earnings: \$42,400

Percent Job Growth: 12.9 percent

Radiologic Technologists and Technicians

Average Annual Earnings: \$50,260

Percent Job Growth: 15.1 percent

## Investigative Personalities

Diagnostic Medical Sonographers

Average Annual Earnings: \$59,860

Percent Job Growth: 19.1 percent

Computer Systems Analysts

Average Annual Earnings: \$73,090

Percent Job Growth: 29.0 percent

Forensic Science Technicians

Average Annual Earnings: \$47,680

Percent Job Growth: 30.7 percent

Management Analysts

Average Annual Earnings: \$71,150

Percent Job Growth: 21.9 percent

Market Research Analysts

Average Annual Earnings: \$60,300

Percent Job Growth: 20.1 percent

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## Artistic Personalities

Interpreters and Translators  
Average Annual Earnings: \$37,490  
Percent Job Growth: 23.6 percent

Camera Operators, Television, Video, and  
Motion Picture  
Average Annual Earnings: \$41,850  
Percent Job Growth: 11.5 percent

Interior Designers  
Average Annual Earnings: \$43,970  
Percent Job Growth: 19.5 percent

Public Relations Specialists  
Average Annual Earnings: \$49,800  
Percent Job Growth: 17.6 percent

Special Education Teachers  
Preschool, Kindergarten & Elementary School  
Average Annual Earnings: \$48,350  
Percent Job Growth: 19.6 percent

## Social Personalities

Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary  
Average Annual Earnings: \$45,850  
Percent Job Growth: 22.9 percent

Registered Nurses  
Average Annual Earnings: \$60,010  
Percent Job Growth: 23.5 percent

Dental Hygienists  
Average Annual Earnings: \$64,740  
Percent Job Growth: 30.1 percent

Training and Development Specialists  
Average Annual Earnings: \$49,630  
Percent Job Growth: 18.3 percent

Occupational Therapists  
Average Annual Earnings: \$63,790  
Percent Job Growth: 23.1 percent

## Enterprising Personalities

Flight Attendants  
Average Annual Earnings: \$61,120  
Percent Job Growth: 10.6 percent

Sales Representatives  
Wholesale and Manufacturing  
Technical and Scientific Products  
Average Annual Earnings: \$64,410  
Percent Job Growth: 24.4 percent

Real Estate Brokers  
Average Annual Earnings: \$58,860  
Percent Job Growth: 11.1 percent

Personal Financial Advisors  
Average Annual Earnings: \$67,660 • Percent  
Growth: 41.0 percent

Social and Community Service Managers  
Average Annual Earnings: \$54,530 • Percent  
Growth: 24.7 percent

## Conventional Personalities

Claims Adjusters, Examiners, and Investigators  
Average Annual Earnings: \$53,560 • Percent  
Growth: 8.9 percent

Court Reporters  
Average Annual Earnings: \$45,330 • Percent  
Growth: 24.5 percent

Insurance Appraisers, Auto Damage  
Average Annual Earnings: \$51,500 • Percent  
Growth: 12.5 percent

Accountants and Auditors  
Average Annual Earnings: \$57,060 • Percent  
Growth: 17.7 percent

Database Administrators  
Average Annual Earnings: \$67,250 • Percent  
Growth: 28.6 percent

50 Best Jobs for Your Personality, Second  
Edition, is now available at all major  
bookstores and from the publisher  
([www.jist.com](http://www.jist.com) or 1.800.648.JIST).