Workers in hospitality and tourism manage and operate restaurants, bars, hotels, casinos, and amusement parks, and provide travel and event services. In the U.S., the hospitality and tourism sector employs nearly 14 million people and is expected to add 1.3 million new jobs by 2022. Jobs include hotel and food service managers, concierges, chefs, event planners, and travel agents. Food preparation and serving jobs account for the largest percentage of jobs in hospitality and tourism. Many of these jobs are in restaurants and bars, but employment can also be found in the healthcare and social assistance industries. There is also growing interest in sustainable food systems and restaurants offering health-conscious menus.

### What to Expect

#### Occupation: Chefs and Head Cooks
- **Salary Range:** $29,110 - $36,090 (entry level)
- **Required Training:** On-the-job or community college training

#### Occupation: Cooks, Restaurant
- **Salary Range:** $17,720 - $19,660 (entry level)
- **Required Training:** On-the-job or community college training

#### Occupation: Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners
- **Salary Range:** $18,490 - $30,470 (entry level)
- **Required Training:** Bachelor's degree

#### Occupation: Travel Agents
- **Salary Range:** $18,570 - $23,200 (entry level)
- **Required Training:** On-the-job or community college training


*For students seeking a bachelor's degree, the Maricopa Community Colleges offer courses that transfer to all three of Arizona's public universities.

For anyone who plans to enter the job market in this field, a strong knowledge base in English, math, and science along with active listening, coordinating, and monitoring skills are needed.

High school students should meet with an advisor/guidance counselor to create an appropriate career action plan that may include high school classes in:

- Business
- Culinary Arts
- English
- Family and Consumer Sciences
- Food and Nutrition
- Food Service
- Foreign Language
- Hospitality
- Marketing
- Math
- Travel and Tourism

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**HOSPITALITY**

- Airline Operations
- Airline Operations: Ground Operations
- Airline Operations: Initial Flight Attendant
- Airline Operations: Passenger Services
- Airline Operations: Reservations
- Airline Operations: Reservations and Ticketing Services
- Hospitality and Tourism/Golf Management
- Hospitality and Tourism/Hotel Management
- Hospitality and Tourism/Restaurant Management
- Hospitality and Tourism/Spa and Wellness Center Management
- Hospitality and Tourism/Tourism Development and Management

Degree = ▲ Certificate = □ * = Clock Hour