



With the cost of living

# HIGH

and salaries

# LOW,

it's difficult for young people to make it work on Cape Cod



Figures are from the federal town of Barnstable designation, which includes most of Cape Cod.

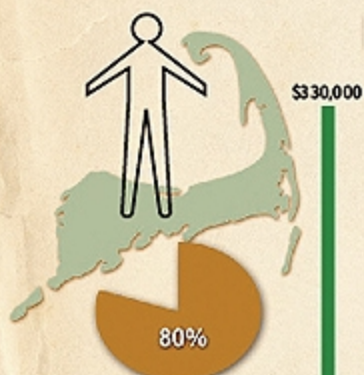
### TOP 10 OCCUPATIONS ▼

	MEDIAN HOURLY WAGE	MEDIAN ANNUAL SALARY	NUMBER OF JOBS
Health care support occupations	\$13.65	\$28,390	4,140
Construction and extraction occupations	\$20.96	\$43,610	4,590
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance occupations	\$13.10	\$27,260	4,650
Transportation and material moving occupations	\$16.95	\$35,250	4,840
Retail salespersons	\$9.41	\$19,560	6,310
Education, training, and library occupations	\$22.12	\$46,020	6,500
Health care practitioners and technical occupations	\$29.93	\$62,250	6,590
Food preparation and serving related occupations	\$10.91	\$22,690	12,620
Sales and related occupations	\$10.56	\$21,970	14,220
Office and administrative support occupations	\$15.44	\$32,110	15,240

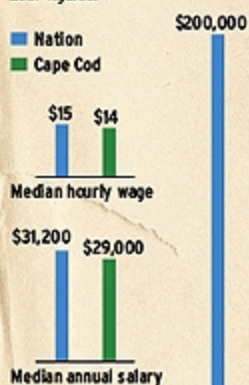


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With the lower salaries, Cape Codders struggle to pay higher housing costs



#### OTHER OCCUPATIONS ▼

Occupation	Hourly Wage	Annual Salary	Count
Cooks, restaurant	\$13.19	\$27,440	1,210
First-line supervisors/ managers of retail sales workers	\$18.46	\$38,390	1,220
Food preparation and serving related occupations	\$10.91	\$22,690	12,620
Home-health aides	\$12.94	\$26,920	1,290
Carpenters	\$22.84	\$47,520	1,330
Elementary school teachers, except special education	NA	\$57,000	1,350
Postal service mail carriers	\$21.26	\$44,230	310
Bookkeeping, accounting and auditing clerks	\$16.94	\$35,240	1,590
Landscaping and groundskeeping workers	\$13.62	\$28,330	2,020
Business and financial operations occupations	\$25.53	\$53,090	2,320
Personal care and service occupations	\$12.47	\$25,940	2,420
Protective service occupations	\$20.99	\$43,650	2,490
Office clerks, general	\$13.80	\$28,710	2,500
Registered nurses	\$32.52	\$67,640	2,510
Waiters and waitresses	\$12.33	\$25,650	3,160
Cashiers	\$9.46	\$19,670	3,750
Management occupations	\$36.03	\$74,940	3,800
Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	\$20.37	\$42,370	4,110
Firefighters	\$23.04	\$47,910	790
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and technical occupations	\$13.15	\$27,350	950

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (May 2007), The Warren Group

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