

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A MAJOR IN ... ACCOUNTING

PROFESSION OVERVIEW:

The basic purpose of accounting is to provide trusted relevant information to management, investors, creditors, government, and sometimes the general public. Accounting is an indispensable part of running a business and can be crucial to individuals with complex financial situations as well. This being so, Accountants participate in planning, analyzing, and steering the activities of a firm; provide planning, management and security to an individual's finances; and collect revenue and prepare statistics for government.

However, accounting is not simply number-crunching. It is needed by business in order to make investment decisions, extend or withhold credit, and to keep companies on the "right track" and *honest*. A degree in account can be the first step towards earning your CPA, being a Tax Attorney, or the CIO of a company.

SAMPLE OCCUPATIONS:

Please ask your Career Advisor (CDF) for help in identifying additional occupations for your major or additional resources for each of the occupations. *Note that some of these options may require an advanced degree.*

- Accounting Clerk
- Administrative Executive
- Bank Examiner
- Bank Officer
- Budget Accountant
- Bursar
- Business Teacher
- Certified Public Accountant
- City/County Auditor
- Compliance Investigator
- Corporate Bookkeeper
- Cost Accountant
- Credit Analyst
- Credit Counselor
- Customs Inspector
- General Accountant
- Industrial Accountant
- Internal Auditor
- Property Accountant
- Purchasing Agent
- Revenue Agent
- Salary Wage Administrator
- Securities Broker
- Special Investigator (FBI)
- State / Federal Auditor
- Systems Accountant
- Systems Analyst
- Tax Accountant
- Tax Auditor
- Treasurer

AVERAGE SALARY

Location	Pay period	2006				
		10%	25%	Median	75%	90%
United States	Hourly	\$16.57	\$20.44	\$26.26	\$34.59	\$45.22
	Yearly	\$34,500	\$42,500	\$54,600	\$71,900	\$94,100
New Mexico	Hourly	\$14.73	\$18.19	\$22.57	\$29.95	\$40.30
	Yearly	\$30,600	\$37,800	\$46,900	\$62,300	\$83,800

INFORMATIONAL WEBSITES:

 <http://online.onetcenter.org>



<http://www.bls.gov/oco>

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

- American Accounting Association <http://aaahq.org/index.cfm>
- American Association of Hispanic CPAs <http://www.alpfa.org>
- American Women's Society of CPAs <http://www.awscpa.org>
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants <http://www.aicpa.org/index.htm>