

The employment landscape is strong for those interested in working in assurance, auditing, consulting, and forensic, tax, public, nonprofit, government or corporate accounting. For accountants and related occupations, the U.S. Bureau of Labor and Statistics projects **6% job growth through 2031**.

To help you better understand the benefits of earning a master's degree in accounting, we combed through 13,924 unique professional opportunities available from June 2024 to December 2024 to summarize:

- Median annual salary by occupational roles and years of experience,
- Experiences and skills organizations are looking for in competitive employees,
- Industries and organizations with the highest active job postings

12%

of the total unique active job postings categorically require a master's degree, demonstrating a need for specialized skills.

4-6 YEARS

With a master's degree, 26% of the openings accept 4-6 years of experience and 26% require 2-3 years of work experience.

\$95.1K

The median advertised salary for a candidate with master's degree is \$95.1K per year, 22.8% higher than a job hiring with bachelor's as the only required academic qualification.

OCCUPATIONAL ROLES

While only 12% of the job postings required master's as the minimum qualification, all top occupational roles exceeded that value in terms of hiring professionals with a master's degree.

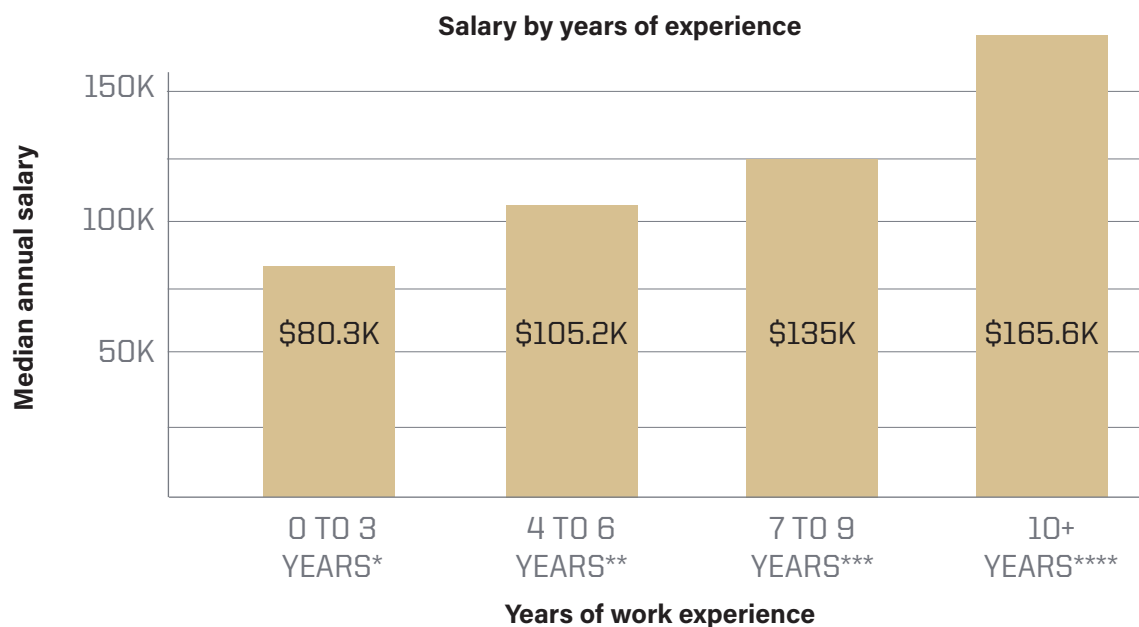
Occupational roles	Popular titles
Accountants and Auditors	Accountants, Staff Accountants, Tax Accountants, Internal Auditors, Cost Accountants, Property Accountants, Audit Managers
Personal Finance Advisors	Financial Advisors, Wealth Advisors, Financial Investment Advisors, Investment Consultants

SALARY BY OCCUPATIONAL ROLE

Occupational roles	Median annual salary	75th percentile annual salary
Personal Finance Advisors	\$99,590	\$169,916
Accountants and Auditors	\$79,893	\$103,980

* On average, 54% of the total eligible job postings have advertised the salary range

The Daniels School MS Accounting '24 cohort secured an average post-graduate annual salary of \$65,533 and a 97% placement rate.



* 4,949 advertised salary observations (56% of the 8,881 matching postings)**3,864 advertised salary observations (58% of the 6,716 matching postings)***1,343 advertised salary observations (56% of the 2,402 matching postings)****850 advertised salary observations (54% of the 1,570 matching postings)

EXPERIENCES & SKILLS

29% of the openings require 4-6 years of experience and 25% accept 2-3 years of work experience.

SPECIALIZED SKILLS

These top specialized skills are conceptual abilities that are often directly related to the job description and can determine your qualification:

- Accounting
- Auditing
- Finance
- Financial Statements
- Generally Accepted Accounting Principles
- Project Management

SOFTWARE SKILLS

These top software skills reflect the programs and tools that are necessary to carry out day-to-day job functions:

- Microsoft Office Suite
- Accounting Software
- SAP Applications
- Power BI
- SQL
- Spreadsheets

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TOP INDUSTRIES & RECRUITERS

Since September 2022, the following organizations are recruiting the most accounting professionals and related occupations: Baker Tilly, Bank of America, BDO, CBZ, Citi Group, Crowe, Deloitte, Edward Jones, Elevance Health, Ernst & Young, Guidehouse, KPMG, Moss Adams, PwC, Robert Half.

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