
'Actuary' Rated Nation's Best Job

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Number-wranglers, you are envied by every lumberjack and roustabout in the land.

"Actuary"—defined as someone who deals with the financial impact of risk and uncertainty—claimed the honor of "best job" in the new CareerCast.com 2010 Jobs Rated Report released yesterday. "Roustabout" replaced edged out "Lumberjack" as the worst job.

The Jobs Rated Report is an in-depth review of 200 U.S. professions that ranks them on work environment, income, outlook, stress and physical demands.

Actuary is rated as one of the least physically demanding jobs with little stress, great outlook for employment and income growth, and favorable work environment.

The next four best jobs are Software Engineer, Computer Systems Analyst, Biologist and Historian. Roustabout, Lumberjack, Ironworker, Dairy Farmer and Welder were at the bottom.

Tony Lee, publisher of the CareerCast.com 2010 Jobs Rated Report, said that the best jobs pay well and have the greatest potential for growth as the economy rebounds.

l;"> "Conversely, Roustabout is the nation's worst job since it's dangerous, pays about \$31,000 per year and has a negative outlook for future growth," Lee said, adding that. "Surgeon, the highest-paying job, ranked toward the bottom when you evaluate its stress levels, physical demands and work environment."

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