

# Best Majors Overall for Each Personality Type: Majors Related to Jobs with the Highest Pay, Fastest Growth, and Most Openings

The four sets of lists that follow are the most important lists in this book. The first set of lists presents, for each personality type, the majors related to jobs with the highest combined scores for pay, growth, and number of openings. These are very appealing lists because they represent majors that prepare for jobs with the very highest quantifiable measures from our labor market. The 41 majors in these six lists, plus 5 related majors, are the ones that are described in detail in Part IV.

The three additional sets of lists present, for each personality type, majors linked to jobs with the highest scores in each of three measures: annual earnings, projected percentage growth, and largest number of openings.

## The 10 Best Majors for Each Personality Type

These are the lists that most people want to see first. For each personality type, you can see the majors that prepare for jobs with the highest overall combined ratings for earnings, projected growth, and number of openings. (The section in the introduction called “How the Majors in This Book Were Selected” explains in detail how we linked majors to jobs and rated the majors so we could assemble this list.)

Although each list covers one personality type, you’ll notice a wide variety of majors on the list. For example, among the top 10 Investigative majors are some in the fields of computer technology, health care, and engineering. Among the top 10 Artistic majors are some in business, education, communications, and (naturally) the arts. Part of the reason for the variety in these lists is that the majors on the list for a personality type may have that type as their **first or second** RIASEC code. For example, the fourth-ranked major on the Artistic list, Advertising, is coded EA, which means that Artistic is actually its secondary type; Enterprising is its primary type. (As the introduction explains, we used this approach because otherwise some lists would contain only one or two majors.)

A look at one list will clarify how we ordered the majors—take the Realistic list as an example. Computer Science was linked to four occupations with outstanding figures for income, growth, and job openings: Computer and Information Systems Managers; Computer Software Engineers, Applications; Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software; and Database Administrators. These highly promising linked jobs caused Computer Science to be the major with the best total score, and it is at the top of the list. The other majors follow in descending order based on their total scores. Several majors had tied scores and are simply listed one after another, so there are often only very small or even no differences between the scores of majors that are near each other on the list. All the other majors lists in this book