

Recruitment Hotsheet – Pharmacists

In 2008, pharmacists held approximately 269,900 jobs, of which an estimated 655 worked in retail settings. Most of these were salaried employees, with a small number being self-employed owners, and approximately 22% worked in hospitals. There was also a small proportion of those employed by mail-order and Internet pharmacies, pharmaceutical wholesalers, offices of physicians and the Federal government.

Employment Trends

Employment of pharmacists is expected to grow by 17% between 2008 and 2018, which is faster than the average for all occupations. The increasing numbers of middle-aged and elderly people will continue to spur demand, as will scientific advances and an increase in the number of people obtaining prescription drug coverage. Job prospects are expected to be excellent over the 2008–18 period. Employers in many parts of the country report difficulty in attracting and retaining adequate numbers of pharmacists, though—primarily the result of the limited training capacity of Pharm.D. programs. In addition, as a larger percentage of pharmacists elect to work part-time, more individuals will be needed to fill the same number of prescriptions. Job openings will also result from faster than average employment growth and the need to replace workers who retire or leave the occupation.

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Top Metro Markets

1. New York, NY
2. Los Angeles, CA
3. Chicago, IL
4. Philadelphia, PA
5. Boston, MA

Top Programs

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- [University of Minnesota](#)
- [University of Texas, Austin](#)

Media Spotlight: Blogs

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- [Drug Topics JP at Large](#)
- [Pharmacist's Place](#)
- [Student Doctor Pharmacy Network Blogs](#)

Online Networks

- [APhA E-Communities](#) (members only)
- [Clinical Pharmacist Facebook](#)
- [Medical Mingle](#)
- [PharmQD](#)

E-Newsletters

- [CareerPharm E-Newsletter](#)
- [Drug Topics E-News](#)
- [Pharmacy Choice E-Newsletter](#)
- [Pharmacy This Week](#)
- [RX Career Center E-Newsletter](#)
- [U.S. Pharmacists E-Connect](#)

Upcoming Events

- American College of Clinical Pharmacology
Sep 12-14, 2010 – Baltimore, MD
- American College of Clinical Pharmacy
Oct 17-20, 2010 – Austin, TX
- Joint Forces Pharmacy Seminar
Oct 18-21, 2010 – Chattanooga, TN
- National Community Pharmacists Association
Oct 23-27, 2010 – Philadelphia, PA
- American Society of Consultant Pharmacists
Nov 10-13, 2010 – Orlando, FL
- American Society of Health-System Pharmacists Mid-Year
Dec 5-9, 2010 – Anaheim, CA
- American Pharmacists Association
Mar 25-28, 2011 – Washington, DC