ECON QUIZ

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In our third week celebrating graduation season, Econ Quiz is looking at jobs that require post-high school training or licensing, but do not necessarily require a college degree. Rank the jobs below from highest to lowest in terms of average annual wage.

   a) Firefighters
   b) Hair stylists and cosmetologists
   c) Real estate sales agents
   d) Construction laborers
   e) Machinists

Answer: C, E, D, A, B

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in 2017 around 1,580 Wisconsinites were employed as real estate agents, earning an average annual wage of $54,280. An additional 340 worked as licensed brokers, with an annual wage of $92,230. About 13,750 state residents worked as machinists, earning an average annual wage of $42,750. About 13,780 worked as construction laborers, for an average annual wage of $42,660. About 9,420 worked as firefighters, for an average annual wage of $41,870, and 8,970 worked as hairstylists or cosmetologists, earning an average annual wage of $28,040.

Sources: