



Musician

What Do They Do?

Musicians and singers play instruments or sing for live audiences and in recording studios. They perform in a variety of styles, such as classical, jazz, opera, hip-hop, and rock.

Musicians play in bands, orchestras, or small groups. Those in bands may play at weddings, private parties, clubs, or bars while they try to build enough fans to get a recording contract or representation by an agent. Some musicians work as part of a large group of musicians who must work and practice together, such as an orchestra. A few musicians become section leaders, who may be responsible for assigning parts to other musicians or for leading rehearsals.

Wages:

The median hourly wage for musicians and singers was \$24.20 in May 2015.



Qualities Successful Musicians Have:

- Willing to work hard and educate themselves.
- They are okay with living modestly.
- They are patient and persistent.
- They are creative.
- They enjoy their work.

Education:

Musicians are not necessarily required to hold a specific degree, but most pursue some sort of training. The majority of musicians start honing their skills at a very early age.

To hone their skills, many musicians take classes at performing arts music schools or traditional universities. Many musicians may also take private classes as well.

Composers and teachers, on the other hand, are usually required to have some sort of formal training. Individuals in these professions often have four year degrees in performing arts or music. Music teachers are also usually required to have a teaching certificate as well.



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