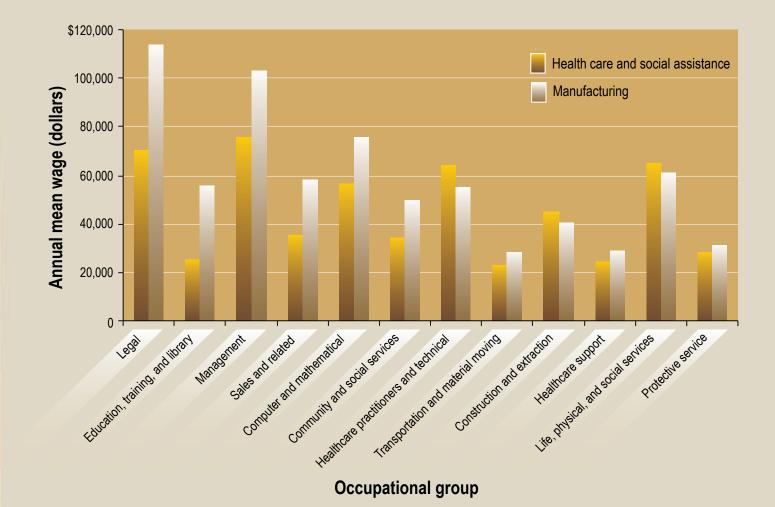
Although average wages in health care and social assistance and manufacturing were similar, manufacturing had higher wages in most occupational groups.

- Health care and social assistance was one of the fastest growing sectors in the United States in May 2006. Manufacturing was one of the few sectors that saw employment declines.
- Healthcare practitioners

   and technical occupations
   earned higher average
   wages in the health care
   and social assistance sector
   than in manufacturing.
   Healthcare support oc cupations, however, earned
   higher average wages in
   manufacturing than in health
   care and social assistance.

Figure 12 Wages for selected occupational groups in the health care and social assistance and manufacturing sectors, May 2006



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