

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

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

- 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 occupations, however, earned higher average wages in manufacturing than in health care and social assistance.



