

# Optometrists

SOC: 29-1041 • Career Profile Report

## ■ Key Facts

<b>\$134,830</b> Median Salary	<b>47,800</b> Employment	<b>+8.0%</b> Growth Rate
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## ■ Requirements & Salary Range

Education: Doctoral

## ■ Automation Risk Assessment

**Low Risk** - 8.0% probability of being automated in the next 10-20 years.  
This job is relatively safe from automation due to its creative, social, or complex problem-solving requirements.

## ■ Work-Life Balance

**9.2/10** - Excellent work-life balance

## ■ Personality Fit (RIASEC)

Higher scores indicate better personality fit for this career type.

Realistic	5.4/10	Investigative	8.6/10
Artistic	4.8/10	Social	9.0/10
Enterprising	5.4/10	Conventional	6.2/10

## ■ Top Skills Required

Decision-making skills, Communication skills, Compassion, Detail oriented

### ✓ Strengths

- High Demand
- Flexible Work
- Continuous Learning

### ■ Challenges

- Burnout Risk
- Rapid Technological Change

## ■ What They Do

Optometrists typically perform the following tasks: • Examine eyes, using observation, instruments, and pharmaceutical agents, to determine visual acuity and perception, focus, and coordination and to diagnose diseases and other abnormalities, such as glaucoma or color blindness. • Analyze test results and develop a treatment plan. • Prescribe, supply, fit and adjust eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other vision aids. • Prescribe medications to treat eye diseases if state laws permit. • Educate and counsel patients on contact lens care, visual hygiene, lighting arrangements, and safety factors. • Remove foreign bodies from the eye. • Provide patients undergoing eye surgeries, such as cataract and laser vision correction, with pre- and post-operative care. • Consult with and refer patients to ophthalmologist or other health care practitioner if additional medical treatment is determined necessary. • Prescribe therapeutic procedures to correct or conserve vision. • Provide vision therapy and low-vision rehabilitation.

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