YOU **DON'T** NEED A FOUR-YEAR DEGREE TO GET A GREAT IT JOB.

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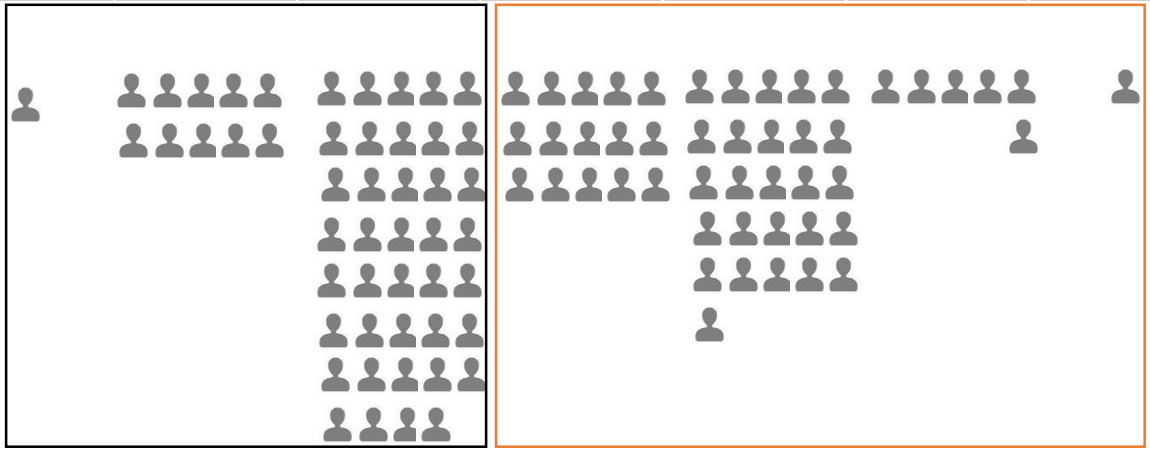
Through the American Community Survey, Workers in a particular field, or Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) code, are asked the highest level of education they have attained. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) is reporting the **mode**. The mode is simply the response appearing most often (see illustration below). **This should <u>not</u> be misinterpreted as a minimum education requirement.**

Quick Facts: Network and Computer Systems Administrators	
2012 Median Pay	$72,560 per year $34.88 per hour
Entry-Level Education	Bachelor's degree
Work Experience in a Related Occupation	None
On-the-job Training	None
Number of Jobs, 2012	366,400
Job Outlook, 2012-22	12% (As fast as average)
Employment Change, 2012-22	42,900

Below is the actual data breakdown from BLS, for the Network and Computer Systems Administrators SOC above.
In reality, approximately half (49.4%) of all workers employed in this job have less than a Bachelor's degree.

All data in this document was retrieved from http://www.bls.gov.

Ph.D	Masters	Bachelors	Associate	Some College	H.S or GED	Less than H.S.
1.2	10.5	38.9	15.4	26.6	6.5	0.9



MORE QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

BLS does not report what percentage of bachelors degrees are in the same field as the SOC. How many people in IT jobs actually hold bachelors degrees in unrelated disciplines?

The survey only covers workers 25 years of age and older. According to BLS data, there are over 8,000,000 full-time workers in the US workforce between the ages of 20 and 25. How many people in the 20-25 age group work in IT? How many have 4-year degrees?

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