

What Interpreters and Translators Do and Work Environment

Interpreters and translators convert information from one language into another language. Interpreters work in spoken or sign language; translators work in written language. Interpreters work in settings such as schools, hospitals, clinics, courtrooms, meeting rooms, and conference centers. Some work for translation and interpretation companies, individual organizations, or private clients. Many interpreters and translators also work remotely. Self-employed interpreters and translators frequently have variable work schedules.

Pay: The median annual wage for interpreters and translators was \$47,190 in May 2017.

Job Outlook

Employment of interpreters and translators is projected to grow 18 percent from 2016 to 2026, much faster than the average for all occupations. Globalization and large increases in the number of non-English-speaking people in the United States will drive employment growth. Job prospects should be best for those who have professional training and/or certification.