

# Metro Atlanta TOP JOBS

## HEALTHCARE



## Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)

Standard Occupational Classification Code: [292042](#)

Also known as: Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), First Responder

### Are you good at ...

- Being reliable, responsible, and dependable?
- Showing concern for others?
- Keeping your emotions in check?
- Paying attention to detail?
- Being honest and ethical?

### A Day in the Life

Being an EMT is being on the front lines of medical emergencies. There are four levels of EMTs with Basic being the first level going through the fourth level which is Paramedic. These people administer first aid treatment or life support to sick or injured persons in prehospital settings.

EMTs assess nature and extent of illness or injury to establish and prioritize medical procedures. They communicate with dispatchers or treatment center personnel to provide information about situation, to arrange reception of victims, or to receive instructions for further treatment. They observe, records, and report to physicians the patient's condition or injury, the treatment provided, and reactions to drugs or treatments. Following the event, they decontaminate ambulance interior following treatment of patient with infection disease and report case to proper authorities.

Becoming an EMT requires two years of education and passing a state certified EMT test to be certified. There are four levels of EMTs/Paramedic so there is always room to grow in this career.

### How do I get into this top job?

The fastest way to obtain this job is to graduate from an accredited Emergency Medical Technician program. Once you have graduated you will need to take the tests to be certified. Training programs and tests may be expensive, but you might not have to pay for all of it yourself. If you are low income, ask your job coach, career counselor, training program, or workforce development specialist about assisting you with your training expenses. It might be free!



### What they earn in Metro Atlanta:

Entry Wage: **\$12.44**  
Median Wage: **\$16.49**



### What makes this a Top Job?

They're in high demand. The Georgia Dept. of Labor estimates there will be 200 openings per year through 2026! Additionally, this job pays above average wages.



### Educational Requirement



Postsecondary  
Non-Degree Award



### On-the-Job Training



None



### Related Occupations

Check out these similar careers on O\*NET online:

- [EMT Basic](#)
- [EMT Intermediate and Intermediate 99](#)
- [Paramedic](#)

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