A Senator sent the below question after reviewing the Dark Skies proposal:

**Minor Dark Sky Presenter**

Why did you not provide as was requested in your application local, state and/or national labor market data as to the number of job openings and the wages offered for those jobs that students getting this minor degree might be eligible for?

Response:

As far as I know, labor statistics do not exist for dark sky studies. This is a specialized area of knowledge relevant to different fields, including urban planning, tourism, conservation, architecture, and many other areas.

Job prospects look great for students in urban planning and related professions, especially in the western United States. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that employment of urban and regional planners is projected to grow 11 percent from 2018 to 2028, faster than the average for all occupations. Demographic, transportation, and environmental changes will drive employment growth for planners. Growth means jobs for planners and opportunities to address concerns about light pollution.

sources: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/life-physical-and-social-science/urban-and-regional-planners.htm#tab-1>

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