

50 Fastest-Growing Occupation Projections in Florida

Includes openings due to growth and replacement needs. This table includes occupations with a minimum of 4,000 jobs in 2016.
Hourly wages for teaching occupations were calculated using a 40-hour work week for 9½ months per year.

2016

Occupation Title	Employment		2016 - 2024			Median Hourly Wage (\$)	Recommended Education Level
	Current	Projection	Growth	Percent Growth	Total Job Openings		
	2016	2024					
1 Nurse Practitioners	8,758	11,755	2,997	34.2	4,623	45.53	Master's or Higher Degree
2 Physician Assistants	5,412	7,188	1,776	32.8	2,726	47.73	Bachelor's Degree
3 Physical Therapist Assistants	4,604	5,973	1,369	29.7	2,417	30.03	Associate Degree
4 Home Health Aides	27,062	34,803	7,741	28.6	12,551	10.92	Postsecondary Vocational
5 Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	5,094	6,451	1,357	26.6	2,093	30.30	Postsecondary Vocational
6 Brickmasons and Blockmasons	4,420	5,559	1,139	25.8	1,446	17.16	Postsecondary Vocational
7 Operations Research Analysts	6,492	8,154	1,662	25.6	2,533	28.52	Master's or Higher Degree
8 Web Developers	9,447	11,822	2,375	25.1	3,314	27.82	Postsecondary Vocational
9 Physical Therapists	12,872	16,021	3,149	24.5	5,836	40.96	Master's or Higher Degree
10 Medical Assistants	48,659	60,287	11,628	23.9	19,606	14.62	Postsecondary Vocational
11 Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	10,815	13,363	2,548	23.6	4,047	40.72	Master's or Higher Degree
12 Personal Care Aides	25,067	30,953	5,886	23.5	7,423	10.32	Postsecondary Vocational
13 Personal Financial Advisors	14,856	18,320	3,464	23.3	6,423	46.95	Bachelor's Degree
14 Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	14,544	17,908	3,364	23.1	5,685	10.29	Less than High School
15 Parking Lot Attendants	17,638	21,695	4,057	23.0	12,112	9.34	Less than High School
16 Computer Systems Analysts	21,213	26,054	4,841	22.8	6,949	38.35	Associate Degree
17 Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	4,511	5,507	996	22.1	1,648	22.39	Postsecondary Vocational
18 Information Security Analysts	4,076	4,970	894	21.9	1,299	39.81	Postsecondary Vocational
19 Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs	13,660	16,631	2,971	21.8	4,981	10.88	Less than High School
20 Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	23,948	29,150	5,202	21.7	7,414	27.80	Bachelor's Degree
21 Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	12,616	15,343	2,727	21.6	3,975	15.73	Postsecondary Vocational
22 Opticians, Dispensing	5,678	6,893	1,215	21.4	2,399	18.98	Associate Degree
23 Occupational Therapists	6,159	7,467	1,308	21.2	2,195	41.08	Master's or Higher Degree
24 Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	9,194	11,130	1,936	21.1	2,633	14.71	Associate Degree
25 Industrial Machinery Mechanics	12,418	15,001	2,583	20.8	5,104	22.63	Postsecondary Vocational

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity:

Go to the Employment Projections page (www.floridajobs.org/lmsc/ep). Under "Employment Projections Data" select either Statewide or your Workforce Region and then Open the file that downloads. When the spreadsheet opens, choose the **Occf** worksheet at the bottom of the page. If you do not see the worksheets list, you may need to maximize the worksheet.



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26	Speech-Language Pathologists	8,026	9,676	1,650	20.6	3,237	37.84	Master's or Higher Degree
27	Roofers	20,034	24,087	4,053	20.2	6,500	15.44	Postsecondary Vocational
28	Software Developers, Applications	33,052	39,700	6,648	20.1	10,300	40.77	Associate Degree
29	Phlebotomists	7,900	9,444	1,544	19.5	2,839	14.18	Postsecondary Vocational
30	Massage Therapists	14,660	17,485	2,825	19.3	3,643	18.37	Postsecondary Vocational
31	Healthcare Social Workers	5,957	7,101	1,144	19.2	2,282	23.34	Master's or Higher Degree
32	Helpers - Electricians	6,493	7,735	1,242	19.1	1,943	12.24	Less than High School
33	Cooks, Restaurant	99,232	117,851	18,619	18.8	39,720	12.03	Postsecondary Vocational
34	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	6,540	7,763	1,223	18.7	2,479	17.41	Associate Degree
35	Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	19,662	23,276	3,614	18.4	6,551	15.44	Postsecondary Vocational
36	Medical Secretaries	20,694	24,446	3,752	18.1	5,498	14.85	Postsecondary Vocational
37	Construction Laborers	75,138	88,687	13,549	18.0	25,497	13.18	Less than High School
38	Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	5,065	5,975	910	18.0	1,748	20.70	Bachelor's Degree
39	Mental Health Counselors	4,779	5,628	849	17.8	1,639	19.54	Master's or Higher Degree
40	Management Analysts	54,161	63,786	9,625	17.8	15,404	33.25	Bachelor's Degree
41	Billing and Posting Clerks	35,272	41,495	6,223	17.6	11,968	16.38	High School Diploma
42	Heating, A.C., and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	31,372	36,883	5,511	17.6	9,342	18.41	Postsecondary Vocational
43	Security and Fire Alarm Systems Installers	6,466	7,588	1,122	17.4	2,348	19.89	Postsecondary Vocational
44	Dentists, General	7,434	8,722	1,288	17.3	2,451	70.33	Master's or Higher Degree
45	Nursing Assistants	93,213	109,159	15,946	17.1	32,515	11.77	Postsecondary Vocational
46	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	45,269	52,991	7,722	17.1	17,985	20.54	Postsecondary Vocational
47	Vocational Education Teachers, Postsecondary	6,842	8,009	1,167	17.1	2,115	23.01	Associate Degree
48	Dental Hygienists	10,915	12,767	1,852	17.0	3,228	31.99	Associate Degree
49	Medical and Health Services Managers	12,992	15,185	2,193	16.9	4,775	49.00	Bachelor's Degree
50	Electricians	38,258	44,701	6,443	16.8	11,115	19.83	Postsecondary Vocational

Less than High School	5	High School Diploma	1
Postsecondary Vocational	21	Associate Degree	8
Bachelor's Degree	6	Master's or Higher Degree	9

Postsecondary Vocational- Occupations that generally require Career and Technical training that last from a few weeks to a year or more.

Associate Degree- Generally two year college programs that award an associate in arts degree (AA), an associate in science (AS) or an associate in applied science degree (AAS).