

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 2017.
Hourly wages for teaching occupations were calculated using a 40-hour work week for 9½ months per year.

2017

Occupation Title	Employment		2017 - 2025			Median Hourly Wage (\$)	Recommended Education Level
	Current	Projection	Growth	Percent Growth	Total Job Openings		
	2017	2025					
1 Nurse Practitioners	9,504	12,801	3,297	34.7	5,062	46.25	Master's or Higher Degree
2 Physician Assistants	5,631	7,512	1,881	33.4	2,869	48.62	Bachelor's Degree
3 Physical Therapist Assistants	5,482	7,208	1,726	31.5	2,974	30.60	Associate Degree
4 Home Health Aides	27,494	35,955	8,461	30.8	13,348	11.21	Postsecondary Vocational
5 Operations Research Analysts	6,634	8,368	1,734	26.1	2,624	29.51	Master's or Higher Degree
6 Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	5,723	7,205	1,482	25.9	2,309	30.40	Postsecondary Vocational
7 Web Developers	9,752	12,248	2,496	25.6	3,465	28.26	Postsecondary Vocational
8 Physical Therapists	13,533	16,975	3,442	25.4	6,266	42.00	Master's or Higher Degree
9 Brickmasons and Blockmasons	6,688	8,349	1,661	24.8	2,125	17.43	Postsecondary Vocational
10 Medical Assistants	53,577	66,676	13,099	24.5	21,883	15.06	Postsecondary Vocational
11 Personal Care Aides	27,420	34,097	6,677	24.4	8,358	10.54	Postsecondary Vocational
12 Personal Financial Advisors	15,130	18,622	3,492	23.1	6,505	49.20	Bachelor's Degree
13 Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	29,609	36,279	6,670	22.5	9,405	28.53	Bachelor's Degree
14 Taxi Drivers and Chauffeurs	14,686	17,948	3,262	22.2	5,423	11.23	Less than High School
15 Occupational Therapists	6,495	7,927	1,432	22.1	2,367	41.73	Master's or Higher Degree
16 Computer Systems Analysts	19,586	23,811	4,225	21.6	6,172	39.24	Associate Degree
17 Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	9,485	11,528	2,043	21.5	2,762	15.21	Associate Degree
18 Opticians, Dispensing	5,290	6,425	1,135	21.5	2,238	18.01	Associate Degree
19 Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	10,991	13,341	2,350	21.4	3,873	57.42	Master's or Higher Degree
20 Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists	4,053	4,908	855	21.1	1,536	33.99	Master's or Higher Degree
21 Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	4,671	5,648	977	20.9	1,652	25.05	Postsecondary Vocational
22 Industrial Machinery Mechanics	13,459	16,264	2,805	20.8	5,537	23.39	Postsecondary Vocational
23 Phlebotomists	8,065	9,737	1,672	20.7	2,994	14.59	Postsecondary Vocational
24 Speech-Language Pathologists	7,923	9,551	1,628	20.6	3,195	37.98	Master's or Higher Degree
25 Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	15,670	18,829	3,159	20.2	5,660	10.78	Less than High School

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 webpage.

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	Current	Projection	Growth	Percent	Total Job		
	2016	2024		Growth	Openings		
26 Healthcare Social Workers	6,989	8,397	1,408	20.2	2,743	23.75	Master's or Higher Degree
27 Information Security Analysts	4,989	5,987	998	20.0	1,494	39.72	Postsecondary Vocational
28 Massage Therapists	15,908	19,086	3,178	20.0	4,066	19.05	Postsecondary Vocational
29 Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	12,333	14,779	2,446	19.8	3,666	16.17	Postsecondary Vocational
30 Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	7,515	8,996	1,481	19.7	2,924	17.36	Associate Degree
31 Software Developers, Applications	35,812	42,772	6,960	19.4	10,917	41.79	Associate Degree
32 Cooks, Restaurant	105,686	125,554	19,868	18.8	42,342	12.55	Postsecondary Vocational
33 Mental Health Counselors	4,546	5,399	853	18.8	1,605	21.08	Master's or Higher Degree
34 Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics	11,033	13,100	2,067	18.7	3,469	14.76	Associate Degree
35 Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	46,923	55,706	8,783	18.7	19,421	20.94	Postsecondary Vocational
36 Parking Lot Attendants	17,902	21,232	3,330	18.6	11,506	9.53	Less than High School
37 Medical Secretaries	21,968	26,020	4,052	18.5	5,906	15.01	Postsecondary Vocational
38 Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	4,961	5,875	914	18.4	1,734	21.25	Bachelor's Degree
39 Dentists, General	7,892	9,336	1,444	18.3	2,678	67.94	Master's or Higher Degree
40 Roofers	21,402	25,315	3,913	18.3	6,527	15.70	Postsecondary Vocational
41 Dental Hygienists	11,456	13,550	2,094	18.3	3,538	31.86	Associate Degree
42 Dental Assistants	18,622	22,019	3,397	18.2	7,059	18.17	Postsecondary Vocational
43 Nursing Assistants	96,804	114,430	17,626	18.2	34,834	12.15	Postsecondary Vocational
44 Billing and Posting Clerks	34,975	41,318	6,343	18.1	12,040	16.75	High School Diploma
45 Food Servers, Nonrestaurant	14,289	16,870	2,581	18.1	5,361	9.79	Less than High School
46 Computer and Information Systems Managers	12,257	14,470	2,213	18.1	3,293	62.89	Bachelor's Degree
47 Medical and Health Services Managers	13,475	15,820	2,345	17.4	5,023	51.14	Bachelor's Degree
48 Management Analysts	56,545	66,380	9,835	17.4	15,868	33.12	Bachelor's Degree
49 Construction Laborers	83,289	97,474	14,185	17.0	27,429	13.73	Less than High School
50 Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	18,087	21,156	3,069	17.0	5,771	15.42	Postsecondary Vocational

Less than High School	5	High School Diploma	1
Postsecondary Vocational	19	Associate Degree	8
Bachelor's Degree	7	Master's or Higher Degree	10

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).