

Region 5 High Demand Occupations 2008-2018

SOC	Occupation	Employment		Percent	Annual Avg	Annual Avg	Annual Avg
		2008	2018	Change (%)	Growth (%)	Openings	Salary
292052	Pharmacy Technicians	600	810	35.00	3.05	40	\$ 22,451
512092	Team Assemblers	5,940	7,540	26.94	2.41	285	\$ 44,514
311011	Home Health Aides	980	1,260	28.57	2.54	35	\$ 17,914
514011	Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal & Plastic	470	640	36.17	3.14	25	\$ 29,610
319092	Medical Assistants	760	970	27.63	2.47	30	\$ 24,018
399021	Personal and Home Care Aides	430	560	30.23	2.68	20	\$ 15,338
514122	Welding, Soldering, & Brazing Mach. Setters, Oper., & Tenders	170	240	41.18	3.51	10	\$ 26,219
172112	Industrial Engineers	230	300	30.43	2.69	15	\$ 61,116
172141	Mechanical Engineers	550	670	21.82	1.99	25	\$ 69,974
211014	Mental Health Counselors	180	240	33.33	2.92	10	\$ 34,557
211022	Medical and Public Health Social Workers	250	310	24.00	2.17	10	\$ 42,475
514193	Plating & Coating Mach. Setters, Oper., & Tenders, Metal & Plastic	***	***	35.71	3.10	10	\$ 32,240
252021	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	2,100	2,450	16.67	1.55	80	\$ 46,228
399011	Child Care Workers	1,330	1,550	16.54	1.54	60	\$ 20,046
252041	Special Education Teachers, Preschl, Kinderg., & Elem. School	270	330	22.22	2.03	10	\$ 46,974
412031	Retail Salespersons	4,390	5,100	16.17	1.51	205	\$ 21,442
353021	Combined Food Prep. & Serving Workers, Incl. Fast Food	3,290	3,820	16.11	1.50	115	\$ 15,889
412021	Counter and Rental Clerks	610	720	18.03	1.67	35	\$ 19,966
292021	Dental Hygienists	300	360	20.00	1.84	10	\$ 45,071
291051	Pharmacists	330	390	18.18	1.68	15	\$ 129,384
333012	Correctional Officers and Jailers	470	550	17.02	1.58	20	\$ 33,658
131111	Management Analysts	300	360	20.00	1.84	10	\$ 66,943
499051	Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	820	950	15.85	1.48	40	\$ 48,811
252012	Kindergarten Teachers, Except Special Education	330	390	18.18	1.68	10	\$ 45,247
292056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	60	90	50.00	4.14	5	\$ 26,811
252022	Middle School Teachers, Except Special & Vocational Education	1,060	1,220	15.09	1.42	35	\$ 46,610
312021	Physical Therapist Assistants	160	190	18.75	1.73	5	\$ 45,512
414011	Sales Representatives, Wholesale & Manufacturing, Techn. & Scient. Prod	***	***	23.08	2.10	5	\$ 63,660
211011	Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	90	120	33.33	2.92	5	\$ 34,230
252042	Special Education Teachers, Middle School	200	240	20.00	1.84	10	\$ 47,143
333021	Detectives and Criminal Investigators	120	140	16.67	1.55	5	\$ 42,087
151081	Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	110	140	27.27	2.44	5	\$ 43,203
291111	Registered Nurses	3,170	3,580	12.93	1.22	95	\$ 54,040
211093	Social and Human Service Assistants	270	320	18.52	1.71	10	\$ 21,328
434171	Receptionists and Information Clerks	900	1,020	13.33	1.26	35	\$ 20,604
131051	Cost Estimators	140	160	14.29	1.34	5	\$ 45,643
291131	Veterinarians	110	140	27.27	2.44	5	\$ 103,689
472181	Roofers	200	240	20.00	1.84	10	\$ 27,101
493093	Tire Repairers and Changers	***	***	20.00	1.84	10	\$ 19,329
319091	Dental Assistants	170	200	17.65	1.64	5	\$ 31,417
519122	Painters, Transportation Equipment	160	190	18.75	1.73	5	\$ 31,905

Note: Occupations were selected using unrounded data based on the descending order of average rankings based on three variables: growth, openings, and wages.

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Totals in some occupational groups may not add due to exclusion of sub-groups and/or individual occupations with employment of less than 10 in the base (2008) and projected (2018) years or where publication of the occupation would violate confidentiality.

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1. Employment is rounded to the nearest 10. 2. Average Annual Growth is compounded. 3. Openings are rounded to the nearest 5.