

## Region 9 Fast Growing Occupations 2008-2018

SOC	Occupation	Employment		Percent Change (%)	Avg Annual Growth (%)	Avg Annual Openings
		2008	2018			
514051	Metal-Refining Furnace Operators and Tenders	110	240	118.18	8.11	15
514052	Pourers and Casters, Metal	***	***	116.67	8.04	10
514191	Heat Treating Equipment Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	***	***	111.11	7.76	10
519022	Grinding and Polishing Workers, Hand	140	290	107.14	7.55	15
514021	Extruding and Drawing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	150	250	66.67	5.24	15
292056	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	***	***	64.29	5.09	15
514121	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	1,940	3,140	61.86	4.93	160
433011	Bill and Account Collectors	1,250	1,930	54.40	4.44	90
151081	Network Systems and Data Communications Analysts	330	500	51.52	4.24	25
232091	Court Reporters	***	***	50.00	4.14	5
514023	Rolling Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders, Metal and Plastic	160	240	50.00	4.14	10
312021	Physical Therapist Assistants	160	240	50.00	4.14	10
499094	Locksmiths and Safe Repairers	100	150	50.00	4.14	5
151031	Computer Software Engineers, Applications	350	520	48.57	4.04	20
512091	Fiberglass Laminators and Fabricators	110	160	45.45	3.82	5
514122	Welding, Soldering, and Brazing Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	220	320	45.45	3.82	15
399021	Personal and Home Care Aides	420	610	45.24	3.80	25
311011	Home Health Aides	1,610	2,320	44.10	3.72	85
172112	Industrial Engineers	290	410	41.38	3.52	20
291123	Physical Therapists	270	380	40.74	3.48	15
292052	Pharmacy Technicians	850	1,190	40.00	3.42	60
512011	Aircraft Structure, Surfaces, Rigging, and Systems Assemblers	***	***	39.39	3.38	20
312022	Physical Therapist Aides	180	250	38.89	3.34	10
439071	Office Machine Operators, Except Computer	270	370	37.04	3.20	20
291131	Veterinarians	170	230	35.29	3.07	10

Note: 25 Occupations were selected based on the highest annual average growth using the unrounded data plus the following criteria: 1) Employment of at least 10. 2) At least 5 annual average openings.

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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.

\*\*\* The data for these occupations are confidential according to standards provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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