

New Mexico Employment Projections 2008-2018

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Introduction

This publication is the 2009 edition of an employment projection report designed to meet the needs of students, counselors, job seekers, employers, and public and private planning groups for information about industrial patterns and career opportunities in New Mexico. The projections in this report are based on methodologies developed by the U.S. Department of Labor for forecasting state and area occupational needs using both national information and procedures specifically adapted to each state's industrial and occupational patterns. This is the statewide edition of the Employment Projections 2008-2018, a series that includes separate condensed reports for New Mexico's four metropolitan statistical areas (Albuquerque, Farmington, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe), and four Workforce Investment Act areas (Central, Northern, Eastern, and Southwestern).

This publication uses current occupational information and revises previous projections. The occupational staffing patterns for each industry were derived from information collected by the Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey, a federal-state cooperative program between the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions. This is a statewide survey of approximately 9,000 employers representing all industrial sectors. The OES survey was initiated in New Mexico in 1977 and has been conducted in cycles so that each industry was surveyed every three years. (The methodology was changed in 1996 to survey a sample of all industries each year.) The survey cycle 2006-2008 was used in the derivation of staffing patterns for this publication. This statewide edition of the occupational biannual projections report includes information on nearly half of the 800 occupations defined in the Standard Occupational Classification Manual. For occupations not listed in this publication, go to <http://laser.state.nm.us>.

General types of information in the 2008-2018 projections report include assumptions, data, and analysis concerning total and industrial sector employment and data and analysis of occupational employment. A brief explanation of the methodology used to develop these projections is provided.

While changes to the economy tend to happen at a slow pace, abrupt shocks do occur and these changes can and will affect the growth across industries. Projections are designed to provide general guidance and are unlikely to precisely predict actual employment developments. It is intended that the direction or trend associated with the projection will prove sufficiently accurate for thoughtful planning.

Industry Employment Changes, Assumptions, Limitations & Technical Notes

Industry Employment Changes

The recession will end. Employment growth will resume as economic activity rebounds. When it does, look for careful rehiring, followed by a return to employment growth, approximating the 2008-2018 projected levels. The New Mexico economy is expected to generate about 120,200 new jobs through the year 2018, growing from 893,800 to 1,014,000 jobs, as compared to the creation of 123,800 jobs projected in our Employment Projections 2006-2016. The 120,200 jobs represent a growth rate approximating 13.5 percent, compared to the most current national growth rate of 10 percent for 2006-2016. Job growth for 2006-2016 was previously projected to be 14.0 percent. The downward shift in projected employment is due to the current economic conditions in New Mexico. Total job openings¹ due to growth and replacements occurring between 2008 and 2018 are estimated to be 327,000.

Industry Sector 2008-2018 Projections

New Mexico Industry Projections, 2008-2018					
Industry Code	Industry Title	Estimate 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
610000	Educational Services	80,780	101,550	20,770	25.7%
620000	Health Care & Social Assistance	108,640	135,190	26,550	24.4%
720000	Accommodation & Food Services	81,870	97,500	15,630	19.1%
230000	Construction	57,310	66,980	9,670	16.9%
210000	Mining	21,070	24,590	3,520	16.7%
900000	Government	92,560	105,170	12,610	13.6%
710000	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	14,260	15,910	1,650	11.6%
440000	Retail Trade	96,450	107,130	10,680	11.1%
550000	Management of Companies	5,370	5,950	580	10.8%
530000	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	10,980	12,160	1,180	10.7%
420000	Wholesale Trade	23,860	25,950	2,090	8.7%
560000	Administrative & Support Services	46,330	50,310	3,980	8.6%
540000	Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	56,770	61,390	4,630	8.2%
480000	Transportation & Warehousing	20,090	21,620	1,530	7.6%
810000	Other Services (Except Government)	22,840	24,540	1,700	7.4%
520000	Finance & Insurance	22,350	23,530	1,180	5.3%
220000	Utilities	4,330	4,550	220	5.2%
510000	Information	15,990	16,050	60	0.4%
110000	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	11,230	10,880	-350	-3.1%
310000	Manufacturing	35,030	32,760	-2,270	-6.5%
Total Employment, All Industry		893,760	1,013,990	120,240	13.5%

Goods-Producing Industries

Mining

Employment in the New Mexico mining industry is expected to grow by about 3,500 jobs between 2008 and 2018. As the current recession eases, much of the increase in projected activity is based on the growing demand for and rising worldwide price of natural resources. Support activities for mining will be the largest growing mining subsector, increasing from 11,900 in 2008 to 14,150 in 2018. Mining (except oil and gas) is projected to experience little growth, with employment levels at about 680 through 2018. The oil & gas extraction subsector is projected to increase 14.0 percent, adding about 600 jobs, over the 2008-2018 period.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
213000	Support Activities for Mining	11,900	14,150	2,240	18.8%
212000	Mining (except Oil & Gas)	4,850	5,530	680	14.0%
211000	Oil & Gas Extraction	4,310	4,910	600	14.0%

Manufacturing

New Mexico manufacturing employment is expected to decrease employment by 6.5 percent from 2008 to 2018, shedding roughly 2,270 jobs. The largest number of jobs lost will be in the transportation manufacturing subsector, followed by computer and electronic products manufacturing. The employment projections in these subsectors call for contractions of 1,430 jobs or 48.6 percent and 750 jobs or roughly 9.1 percent, respectively. The manufacturing sector numbers could change significantly if the manufacturers of renewable energy products looking at New Mexico commit to locating here.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
326000	Plastics & Rubber Products Manufacturing	800	1,080	280	35.2%
332000	Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	2,930	3,160	230	7.7%
312000	Beverage & Tobacco Product Manufacturing	590	670	80	12.7%
322000	Paper Manufacturing	760	820	60	7.4%
327000	Nonmetallic Mineral Product Manufacturing	2,570	2,610	40	1.5%
333000	Machinery Manufacturing	1,350	1,390	40	2.7%
311000	Food Manufacturing	5,260	5,290	30	0.5%
321000	Wood Product Manufacturing	1,280	1,290	10	1.0%
314000	Textile Product Mills	100	90	-10	-8.7%
313000	Textile Mills	120	100	-20	-16.0%
325000	Chemical Manufacturing	1,310	1,300	-20	-1.1%
315000	Apparel Manufacturing	100	50	-50	-50.5%
331000	Primary Metal Manufacturing	530	480	-50	-8.7%
335000	Electrical Equip, Appliance & Component Mfg	480	400	-80	-16.8%
337000	Furniture & Related Product Manufacturing	1,370	1,280	-90	-6.7%
339000	Miscellaneous Manufacturing	2,330	2,220	-110	-4.9%
324000	Petroleum & Coal Products Manufacturing	830	710	-120	-14.6%
323000	Printing & Related Support Activities	1,100	820	-280	-25.5%
334000	Computer & Electronic Product Manufacturing	8,240	7,490	-750	-9.1%
336000	Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	2,940	1,510	-1,430	-48.6%

Construction

Employment in construction in New Mexico is expected to grow by about 9,700 jobs or 16.9 percent over the forecast period as construction employment rises from 57,300 in 2008 to 67,000 in 2018. Specialty construction trade contractors are projected to grow by 4,490 jobs or 14.0 percent. Residential building construction employment is expected to rebound, increasing by about 3,820 jobs or 24.6 percent from 2008 to 2018. Heavy & civil engineering construction is projected to add 1,360 jobs or 14.0 percent, growing from 9,720 jobs in 2008 to 11,070 jobs in 2018.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
238000	Specialty Trade Contractors	32,050	36,530	4,490	14.0%
236000	Construction of Buildings	15,550	19,370	3,820	24.6%
237000	Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	9,720	11,070	1,360	14.0%

Service-Providing Industries

Wholesale Trade

The wholesale trade sector is projected to grow by 2,100 jobs or 8.7 percent during the forecast horizon. Jobs for merchant wholesalers of durable goods are projected to increase from 13,290 in 2008 to 15,120 in 2018. Jobs for merchant wholesalers of non-durable goods are projected to increase from 8,360 in 2008 to 8,550 in 2018. Wholesale electronic markets, agents & brokers are projected to grow by 3.0 percent from 2,210 in 2008 to 2,270 in 2018.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
423000	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	13,290	15,120	1,830	13.8%
424000	Merchant Wholesalers, Nondurable Goods	8,360	8,550	190	2.3%
425000	Wholesale Electronic Markets & Brokers	2,210	2,270	70	3.0%

Transportation & Warehousing

Employment in the transportation & warehousing industry is expected to grow from 20,100 in 2008 to 21,600 in 2018, as the sector adds 1,500 jobs, equating to 7.6 percent growth. Truck transportation employment is expected to rise by over 600 jobs or 8.3 percent by 2018. Transit & ground transportation jobs are expected to grow by 310 or 11.2 percent by 2018. Declining employment is expected in the pipeline and postal service subsectors.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
484000	Truck Transportation	7,670	8,310	640	8.3%
485000	Transit & Ground Passenger Transport	2,730	3,040	310	11.2%
488000	Support Activities for Transportation	1,920	2,180	260	13.4%
493000	Warehousing & Storage	1,240	1,460	220	17.4%
492000	Couriers & Messengers	2,250	2,330	80	3.4%
486000	Pipeline Transportation	880	820	-60	-7.1%
491100	Postal Service	4,000	3,850	-150	-3.7%

Retail Trade

The retail trade sector is projected to grow by 10,700 jobs or about 11.1 percent over the projection period. Retail employment is expected to increase from 96,500 in 2008 to 107,100 in 2018. General merchandising stores will experience the most significant increase in the retail sector, adding 5,910 jobs or 25.8 percent during the 2008 to 2018 period. The general merchandise sector includes the Wal-Mart and Target chains. The building material & garden equipment suppliers and food & beverage subsectors combined are expected to add nearly 3,900 additional jobs to the retail sector through 2018. The furniture, motor vehicle, and miscellaneous subsectors are expected to remain flat to declining during the projections horizon.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
452000	General Merchandise Stores	22,870	28,770	5,910	25.8%
445000	Food & Beverage Stores	13,610	15,570	1,970	14.4%
444000	Building Material & Garden Equip Suppliers	8,320	10,200	1,890	22.7%
446000	Health & Personal Care Stores	4,320	4,730	410	9.5%
451000	Sporting Goods, Hobby, Book & Music Stores	3,980	4,370	390	9.8%
448000	Clothing & Clothing Accessories Stores	6,760	7,070	310	4.5%
454000	Non-store Retailers	2,910	3,160	260	8.9%
447000	Gasoline Stations	7,960	8,180	210	2.7%
443000	Electronics & Appliance Stores	2,800	2,900	110	3.8%
442000	Furniture & Home Furnishings Stores	2,970	2,900	-70	-2.5%
441000	Motor Vehicle & Parts Dealers	13,080	12,800	-280	-2.1%
453000	Miscellaneous Store Retailers	6,890	6,480	-410	-6.0%

Utilities

Utilities sector employment is projected to grow from 4,330 in 2008 to 4,550 in 2018. The addition of over 200 jobs represents a growth rate of 5.2 percent across the projection horizon. Nationally, job losses were projected for this industry between 2006 and 2016.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
221000	Utilities	4,330	4,550	220	5.2%

Information

The information industry is projected to be relatively flat between 2008 and 2018. The motion picture & sound recording component is projected to be the only subsector adding a significant number of jobs. The remaining subsectors are not expected to generate many jobs through 2018.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
512000	Motion Picture & Sound Recording Industries	3,480	3,830	350	10.1%
519000	Other Information Services	320	360	40	12.1%
517000	Telecommunications	7,430	7,440	0	0.1%
515000	Broadcasting	1,480	1,460	-20	-1.1%
518000	ISP, Web Search Portals & Data Processing	430	360	-70	-15.9%
511000	Publishing Industries	2,850	2,600	-240	-8.6%

Finance & Insurance

Employment in the finance & insurance sector is expected to increase from 22,350 in 2008 to 23,530 in 2018, adding 1,180 jobs or 5.3 percent, compared to a 14 percent national growth rate from 2006 to 2016. The credit intermediation subsector employment is expected to increase by 930 jobs or 7.1 percent, while securities are projected to decline by 3.8 percent or about 60 jobs over the forecast horizon.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
522000	Credit Intermediation	13,060	13,990	930	7.1%
524000	Insurance Carriers	7,470	7,770	300	4.0%
523000	Securities & Commodity Contracts	1,610	1,550	-60	-3.8%

Real Estate, Rental & Leasing

Between 2008 and 2018, employment in the real estate & leasing subsector is expected to increase from 10,980 to 12,160. Employment in rental activities is projected to increase by 870 jobs, representing a growth rate of 20.4 percent. Real estate employment is estimated to add another 310 jobs.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
532000	Rental & Leasing Services	4,250	5,120	870	20.4%
531000	Real Estate	6,730	7,040	310	4.6%

Professional, Scientific & Technical Services

The professional, scientific & technical services sector is projected to grow from 56,770 in 2008 to 61,390 in 2018, adding over 4,600 jobs or 8.2 percent.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
541000	Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	56,770	61,390	4,630	8.2%

Management of Companies

Management of companies and services is projected to grow from 5,370 jobs to 5,950, adding about 580 jobs or growth of 10.8 percent through 2018.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
551000	Management of Companies	5,370	5,950	580	10.8%

Administrative Support & Waste Management Services

Employment growth in the administrative support subsector is expected to increase from 46,330 jobs in 2008 to 50,310 by 2018. The additional 3,980 jobs represent a growth rate of 8.6 percent. Nationally, this industry is expected to add a substantial number of jobs to the economy through 2016.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
561000	Administrative & Support Services	43,810	47,500	3,700	8.4%
562000	Waste Management & Remediation	2,520	2,810	290	11.5%

Educational Services

The educational services industry continues to grow through the current recession and is projected to experience employment growth from 80,780 jobs in 2008 to 101,550 in 2018, adding 20,770 jobs for a growth rate of roughly 25.7 percent. The educational services sector is clearly the fastest growing sector in the economy.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
611000	Educational Services	80,780	101,550	20,770	25.7%

Health Care & Social Assistance

The health care & social assistance sector has the largest number of employment of all sectors. It is also the second fastest growing sector within the economy. In 2008, employment was 108,640 and is projected to increase to 135,190 by 2018, adding over 26,500 jobs. This represents a 24.4 percent growth rate compared to a national growth rate of about 24 percent through 2016. The ambulatory health care services subsector is forecasted to grow from 40,170 jobs in 2008 to 53,740 by 2018, adding 13,570 jobs or 33.8 percent. The social assistance employment is projected to increase by almost 29 percent, increasing from 22,270 jobs in 2008 to 28,720 in 2018. Over 6,500 jobs are projected to come from the hospitals and nursing facilities subsectors through 2018.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
621000	Ambulatory Health Care Services	40,170	53,740	13,570	33.8%
624000	Social Assistance	22,270	28,720	6,450	28.9%
622000	Hospitals	33,690	38,690	5,000	14.8%
623000	Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	12,520	14,050	1,530	12.2%

Arts, Entertainment & Recreation

Employment in the arts, entertainment & recreation industry is expected to increase by about 1,650 jobs, growing from 14,260 in 2008 to 15,910 in 2018. This represents a growth rate of about 11.6 percent, which is less than average growth. The amusement, gambling & recreation subsector is expected to create 1,510 jobs, growing from 11,860 in 2008 to 13,370 in 2018, representing a 12.7 percent growth rate. Employment for the museums, historical sites & similar institution subsector is projected to grow at a faster than average rate of 27.9 percent through the projection period, adding 170 jobs. Employment in the performing arts & spectator sports subsector is likely to remain flat to declining slightly through 2018.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
713000	Amusement, Gambling & Recreation	11,860	13,370	1,510	12.7%
712000	Museums & Historical Sites	590	760	170	27.9%
711000	Performing Arts & Spectator Sports	1,810	1,780	-30	-1.6%

Accommodation & Food Services

The accommodation & food services industry employment is projected to grow by 19.1 percent through the projection horizon. The addition of 15,630 jobs represents growth above the average. Food services & drinking places, the largest subsector in this industry sector, is projected to grow from 65,060 jobs to 79,510 or 22.2 percent. Accommodation jobs are expected to grow by just 7.0 percent, increasing from 16,810 to 17,980 by 2018.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
722000	Food Services & Drinking Places	65,060	79,510	14,450	22.2%
721000	Accommodation	16,810	17,980	1,170	7.0%

Other Services

Growth in other services is expected to account for an additional 1,700 jobs between 2008 and 2018 or roughly a 7.4 percent increase. The fastest growing subsector within other services is religious, civic & professional. This subsector is expected to create about 1,080 jobs and grow by over 16 percent. Repair and private households are projected to grow little to not at all.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
813000	Religious, Civic & Professional	6,640	7,720	1,080	16.3%
812000	Personal & Laundry Services	6,310	6,740	430	6.9%
811000	Repair & Maintenance	8,340	8,460	120	1.4%
814000	Private Households	1,560	1,630	70	4.5%

Government

The government category used in the occupational projections is confined to administration and public safety and excludes almost all direct production and service functions of the government. Government construction, the U.S. Postal Service, public transportation, public utilities, public education, and health services functions are allocated to other more appropriate categories. The overall government category is projected to add 12,610 jobs, growing from 92,560 to 105,170, during the projection period 2008 to 2018. The local government sector is projected to add 8,720 jobs for an increase of 21.4 percent. State government employment is projected to increase in New Mexico by 13 percent, adding 3,350 jobs. Federal government employment is projected to grow by 690 jobs or 3.1 percent over the forecast period.

Industry Code	Industry Subsector	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change
999300	Local Government	40,750	49,470	8,720	21.4%
999200	State Government	25,700	29,050	3,350	13.0%
999100	Federal Government	22,110	22,800	690	3.1%

ASSUMPTIONS

National Assumptions

The general assumptions for projections of the U.S. Department of Labor are:

- 1) Strong productivity growth (2.9 percent average annual growth).
- 2) A labor force growth roughly equivalent to the rate posted for the 2000 to 2006 period (1.0 percent average annual growth).
- 3) Continued low unemployment (5.2 percent average annual rate).
- 4) Increasing trade deficits.
- 5) A larger federal budget deficit.
- 6) Modest growth in federal defense and non-defense expenditures.
- 7) Consumer spending on durable goods growing faster than consumer spending on services and non-durable goods.
- 8) Consumer spending on drugs and medicines is assumed to grow much faster than spending on other categories.
- 9) Consumer spending on medical care is expected to drive growth.
- 10) Investment spending for production equipment is expected to grow.
- 11) Expenditures for construction of residential structures are to grow at about a 2.0 percent average annual rate.
- 12) Spending on non-residential construction is to grow at an annual average rate of about 6.0 percent.

State Assumptions

In addition to the national assumptions, which fold into New Mexico's analysis, it is assumed that the state will also be influenced by the following circumstances:

- 1) New Mexico population growth will closely track the national the average.
- 2) Personal incomes will continue to grow moderately.
- 3) Tourism will increase due to promotion, special events, and the state's unique appeal.
- 4) Federal government spending for both defense and non-defense purposes will remain at roughly the current level.
- 5) Natural resources will play a larger role in the New Mexico economy than it was in the recent past due to higher prices, demand, and other factors.
- 6) Employment in the manufacturing sector will maintain its share of between 4 and 5 percent of non-farm employment.
- 7) Manufacturing employment will grow in absolute terms as manufacturing and other companies relocate to New Mexico and existing businesses expand their operations due to extensive recruitment campaigns, an ample supply of labor at relatively low wage scales, favorable living conditions, and other considerations.

LIMITATIONS

These projections do not take into consideration the effects of terrorism, war, attack or oil shocks. New developments will undoubtedly play a major economic role. Perhaps most difficult to predict are energy developments, since they are influenced by national and international political decisions as well as by economic considerations. Employment in industries that are particularly sensitive to business cycles, such as construction, is also difficult to accurately predict. Estimates should therefore be carefully reviewed to take into account developments that could not be anticipated at the time these projections were prepared.

TECHNICAL NOTES

The nonagricultural forecasts for major industries provided are based on quarterly employment and wage data for workers covered by New Mexico Unemployment Insurance (UI) laws (this includes all state and local government employees), and for federal government employees covered by the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA). The occupational projections are based on an augmented employment base that includes agricultural workers, the self-employed, and private household workers. The occupational projections that follow include data for occupations in which 20 or more workers are employed. Workers in the agriculture and private household sectors are included in the occupational base

figures and ultimately reflected in the projections of this report. Self-employed workers are also included in the occupational base and projections. All figures have been rounded to the nearest 10. Annual job openings are the sum of employment growth and replacement needs. The occupational projections included in this report were produced using the MicroMatrix Occupational Projection System developed by the Utah Department of Employment Security. This methodology has been found to be a reliable general guide to project occupational demand.

Key phrases in “Employment Projections 2008-2018”

Changing employment between 2008 and 2018	
<i>If the statement about growth reads...</i>	<i>Employment is projected to...</i>
much faster than average faster than average average less than average, little or no change decline	Increase 46 percent or more Increase 31 to 45 percent Increase 20 to 30 percent Increase 0 to 19 percent Decrease 1 percent or more

Occupational Projections

Occupational Employment Trends

The occupational patterns that have existed in New Mexico in recent years are expected to shift somewhat over the 2008-2018 projection period. Slower employment growth, changing industrial trends, and technological advances are the primary reasons for these shifts. Other factors affecting occupational trends include differences in the size and age structure of the population, changes in business practices, and economic factors. One of the occupational groups requiring the highest levels of education— *Education, Training & Library* occupations—is expected to increase at an average rate. *Health Care Practitioners & Technical, Management, and Business & Financial Operations* occupations, three other groups requiring higher education levels, will grow at less than the average rate. *Computer & Mathematical, Architecture & Engineering* occupations, and *Life, Physical & Social Science* occupations are also expected to experience less than average growth. *Community & Social Services* occupations will experience a flat growth rate. Likewise, *Arts, Design & Entertainment* and *Legal* occupations are expected to experience little to no growth.

Personal Care & Service, Food Preparation & Serving related occupations, *Health Care Support*, and *Protective Service* occupations are expected to have average growth. *Construction & Extraction* and *Building & Grounds Maintenance* occupations are expected to experience less than average growth. Employment in the *Office & Administrative Support*, including clerical occupations, *Sales & Related* occupations, and *Production* occupations are expected to have little growth, as are *Installation, Maintenance & Repair; Farming, Fishing & Forestry*, and *Transportation & Material Moving* occupations.

¹ The following sections refer to “Total Annual Openings.” Total annual openings are job openings created by job growth and by job replacements. Job growth is a new position created when additional staff is needed to meet increased demand for a business’s product. A job opening due to replacements occurs when a person retires or is promoted. The position is not new, but it needs to be filled.

Occupation Information

Occupational Projections 2008-2018						
Occs Code	Occupational Group	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings ¹
35-0000	Food Preparation & Serving Related	78,900	95,230	16,330	20.7%	4,320
25-0000	Education, Training & Library	54,150	68,680	14,530	26.8%	2,540
47-0000	Construction & Extraction	74,380	86,280	11,900	16.0%	2,490
39-0000	Personal Care & Service	34,850	44,490	9,640	27.7%	1,730
43-0000	Office & Administrative Support	137,470	146,740	9,280	6.8%	4,100
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	44,700	53,550	8,850	19.8%	1,760
41-0000	Sales & Related	93,800	102,470	8,680	9.3%	3,910
31-0000	Healthcare Support	26,600	33,590	7,000	26.3%	990
11-0000	Management	51,740	56,780	5,040	9.7%	1,590
33-0000	Protective Service	23,370	28,340	4,980	21.3%	1,110
37-0000	Bldg & Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	35,120	39,270	4,160	11.8%	1,020
13-0000	Business & Financial Operations	28,430	31,920	3,490	12.3%	850
53-0000	Transportation & Material Moving	47,080	50,480	3,400	7.2%	1,440
21-0000	Community & Social Services	17,090	20,460	3,370	19.7%	630
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance & Repair	37,790	41,120	3,340	8.8%	980
15-0000	Computer & Mathematical	12,890	15,170	2,280	17.7%	530
17-0000	Architecture & Engineering	22,420	23,710	1,290	5.8%	640
19-0000	Life, Physical & Social Science	13,730	14,980	1,250	9.1%	460
27-0000	Arts, Design & Entertainment	11,930	12,770	840	7.1%	400
51-0000	Production	34,150	34,690	550	1.6%	900
45-0000	Farming, Fishing & Forestry	7,350	7,400	50	0.6%	190
23-0000	Legal	5,860	5,870	20	0.3%	120
Total, All Occupations		893,760	1,013,990	120,240	13.5%	32,700

NM Fastest Growing Occupations 2008-2018	
Occupational Title	Projected Growth Percent 2008-2018
Personal & Home Care Aides	54.0%
Network Systems & Data Communications Analysts	45.1%
Home Health Aides	43.4%
Pharmacy Technicians	39.5%
Medical Assistants	34.7%
Applications Software Engineers	34.2%
Special Education Teachers	33.5%
Correctional Officers & Jailers	30.9%
Kindergarten Teachers	30.8%
Pharmacists	30.6%
Physical Therapists	29.3%
Combined Food Prep & Servers	29.2%
Elementary School Teachers	28.7%
Dental Assistants	27.9%
Water/Waste Treatment System Operators	27.8%
Middle School Teachers	26.2%
Registered Nurses	26.1%
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	25.5%
Construction Managers	25.3%
Industrial Engineers	24.7%
Network & Computer Systems Administrators	24.4%
Detectives & Criminal Investigators	24.0%
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	23.7%
Customer Service Representatives	23.3%
Child, Family & School Social Workers	23.2%
Computer Systems Analysts	23.2%
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	23.1%
Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	23.0%
Educational, Vocational & School Counselors	22.7%
Probation Officers & Correctional Treatment Specialists	22.6%

NM Occupations Adding the Most Jobs 2008-2018	
Occupational Title	Employment Growth 2008-2018
Personal & Home Care Aides	6,710
Combined Food Prep & Servers	5,740
Retail Salespersons	4,560
Registered Nurses	3,390
Home Health Aides	3,210
Customer Service Representatives	2,910
Elementary School Teachers	2,680
Waiters & Waitresses	2,610
Construction Laborers	2,290
Janitors & Cleaners	2,080
Teacher Assistants	2,010
Correctional Officers & Jailers	1,810
Cashiers	1,700
Office Clerks, General	1,680
1st-Line Spvrs of Retail Sales Workers	1,600
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	1,540
Carpenters	1,510
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	1,420
Middle School Teachers	1,360
Cooks, Restaurant	1,340
Medical Assistants	1,220
1st-Line Spvrs of Food Prep & Servers	1,200
1st-Line Spvrs Construction & Extraction Workers	1,200
Receptionists & Information Clerks	1,090
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	1,070
Construction Managers	1,000
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	970
Security Guards	950
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	910
Accountants & Auditors	860

Management

Employment growth of management occupations (1,590) is expected to be less than average through the year 2018. General & operations managers (350) are projected to have little to no growth. Employment growth of education administrators (140) combined and construction managers (160) is projected to be little to average. All other listed occupations are projected to experience less than average growth.

New Mexico					
Management Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
General & Operations	13,270	13,530	260	2.0%	350
Administrative Services	3,960	4,400	440	11.1%	150
Compensation & Benefits	230	260	30	13.0%	10
Computer & Information Systems	840	940	100	11.9%	20
Construction	3,960	4,960	1,000	25.3%	160
Education Administrators, Elem & Sec	1,270	1,560	280	22.0%	60
Education Administrators, Postsecondary	640	830	190	29.7%	40
Education Administrators, Preschool	910	1,070	160	17.6%	40
Engineering	1,180	1,260	90	7.6%	30
Farm, Ranch & Other Agricultural	2,330	2,420	90	3.9%	30
Financial	2,780	3,080	300	10.8%	70
Food Service	820	910	90	11.0%	30
Human Resources	210	240	30	14.3%	10
Lodging	590	630	30	5.1%	20
Marketing	300	330	30	10.0%	10
Medical & Health Services	1,680	2,000	320	19.0%	60
Natural Sciences	380	410	30	7.9%	10
Public Relations	230	270	40	17.4%	10
Real Estate & Community Association	1,760	1,850	90	5.1%	30
Sales	2,200	2,370	170	7.7%	70
Social & Community Service	1,700	1,960	260	15.3%	60
Training & Development	230	260	30	13.0%	10
Transportation, Storage & Distribution	380	410	30	7.9%	10
Management Occupations	51,740	56,780	5,040	9.7%	1,590

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Business & Financial Operations

Financial institutions have been most impacted by the credit crunch caused by the housing crisis that began in 2007 and has lingered well into 2009. Employment growth of business & financial operations occupations (850) is expected to be slightly less than average through the year 2018. The growth of cost estimators (40) and training & development specialists (60) is expected to be about average. Little or no employment growth is expected for the remaining occupations in this list.

New Mexico					
Business & Financial Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
Accountants & Auditors	6,640	7,500	860	13.0%	200
Appraisers & Assessors of Real Estate	790	900	110	13.9%	30
Budget Analysts	680	760	80	11.8%	20
Business Operations Specialists	3,280	3,900	610	18.6%	100
Claims Adjusters, Examiners & Investigators	980	1,050	60	6.1%	30
Compensation & Benefits Specialists	480	570	90	18.8%	20
Compliance Officers	1,200	1,310	110	9.2%	30
Cost Estimators	780	960	190	24.4%	40
Employment & Recruitment Specialists	800	870	80	10.0%	30
Financial Analysts	360	420	60	16.7%	10
Financial Specialists, All Other	660	750	90	13.6%	30
Training & Labor Relations Specialists	980	1,160	180	18.4%	40
Loan Officers	1,410	1,550	140	9.9%	30
Logisticians	240	270	30	12.5%	10
Management Analysts	3,680	4,170	490	13.3%	110
Personal Financial Advisors	760	790	40	5.3%	10
Purchasing Agents	1,420	1,450	30	2.1%	30
Tax Examiners & Collectors	240	270	30	12.5%	10
Training & Development Specialists	1,320	1,590	270	20.5%	60
Business and Financial Operations	28,430	31,920	3,490	12.3%	850

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Computer & Mathematical

Employment growth of computer and mathematical occupations (530) is expected to be slightly below average through 2018. Application software engineers (70) are projected to add the most employment, 490 jobs, and experience faster than average growth. Growth of network systems & data communications analysts (50) is also much faster than average. Employment growth for computer systems analysts (70), database administrators (20), and network & computer system administrators (70) is expected to be about average. Computer programmer (30) employment growth is expected to be flat to declining through 2018.

New Mexico					
Computer & Mathematical Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
Applications Software Engineers	1,430	1,920	490	34.3%	70
Computer Programmers	1,440	1,310	-140	-9.7%	30
Computer Support Specialists	2,690	2,990	300	11.2%	110
Computer Systems Analysts	1,370	1,690	320	23.4%	70
Database Administrators	650	820	170	26.2%	20
Network & Computer Systems Administrators	1,450	1,810	360	24.8%	70
Network Systems & Data Communication Analysts	770	1,110	350	45.5%	50
Systems Software Engineers	1,640	1,990	350	21.3%	60
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	12,890	15,170	2,280	17.7%	530

Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance

Building & grounds cleaning & maintenance occupations (1,020) are expected to grow at less than average. Employment growth of all occupations in this category is expected to be less than average to no growth through 2018.

New Mexico					
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint. Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
1st-Line Spvrs of Housekeepers & Janitors	2,260	2,470	210	9.3%	50
1st-Line Spvrs of Landscapers & Groundskeepers	1,180	1,340	150	12.7%	20
Janitors & Cleaners	14,240	16,310	2,080	14.6%	480
Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	7,070	7,820	750	10.6%	170
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	9,630	10,540	910	9.4%	270
Pesticide Handlers & Sprayers	90	100	10	11.1%	0
Tree Trimmers & Pruners	60	60	0	0.0%	0
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	35,120	39,270	4,160	11.8%	1,020

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Community & Social Services

Employment growth of community and social services occupations (630) is expected to be about average. Growth in all occupations on this list is expected to be average, with the exception of substance abuse social workers, rehabilitation counselors, and mental health counselors, which are projected to experience less than average growth through 2018.

New Mexico					
Community & Social Services Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
Child, Family & School Social Workers	2,480	3,060	580	23.4%	110
Educational, Vocational & School Counselors	1,500	1,840	340	22.7%	60
Health Educators	680	810	130	19.1%	20
Medical & Public Health Social Workers	1,320	1,590	270	20.5%	60
Substance Abuse Social Workers	2,170	2,460	290	13.4%	80
Mental Health Counselors	1,090	1,290	200	18.3%	40
Probation & Correctional Treatment Specialists	1,640	2,010	370	22.6%	60
Rehabilitation Counselors	760	840	80	10.5%	20
Social & Human Service Assistants	2,750	3,300	550	20.0%	90
Behavioral Disorder Counselors	480	610	140	29.2%	20
Community & Social Services	17,090	20,460	3,370	19.7%	630

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Legal

Growth of legal occupations (120) is expected to be slower than average. Growth of lawyers (90) and judges (10) is also expected to be slower than average. Employment growth of legal support workers (0) is expected to be little to no growth through 2016. Title examiners (10) employment is expected to decline.

New Mexico					
Legal Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
Administrative Law Judges, Adjudicators & Hearing Officers	110	130	10	9.1%	0
Court Reporters	150	180	30	20.0%	10
Law Clerks	70	70	-10	-14.3%	0
Lawyers	3,050	2,960	-90	-3.0%	60
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	1,500	1,620	120	8.0%	30
Title Examiners, Abstractors & Searchers	740	660	-80	-10.8%	10
Legal Occupations	5,860	5,870	20	0.3%	120

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Architecture & Engineering

Employment growth of architecture & engineering occupations (640) is expected to be slower than the average. Growth of industrial (50), petroleum (10), and environmental engineers (30) is expected to be about average. Employment growth for the remaining occupations on this list is expected to be slower than the average.

New Mexico					
Architecture & Engineering Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
Aerospace Engineers	610	660	50	8.2%	20
Civil Engineering Technicians	1,030	1,090	60	5.8%	30
Civil Engineers	1,890	2,070	180	9.5%	70
Electrical Engineers	1,060	1,130	70	6.6%	30
Electro-Mechanical Technicians	1,180	1,270	90	7.6%	30
Electronics Engineers	1,890	1,950	70	3.7%	50
Environmental Engineering Technicians	490	550	60	12.2%	20
Environmental Engineers	590	700	120	20.3%	30
Industrial Engineering Technicians	330	360	30	9.1%	10
Industrial Engineers	1,000	1,250	250	25.0%	50
Mechanical Engineers	1,130	1,170	40	3.5%	30
Mining & Geological Engineers	160	190	30	18.8%	10
Petroleum Engineers	280	340	60	21.4%	10
Surveying & Mapping Technicians	750	810	60	8.0%	20
Surveyors	390	430	40	10.3%	20
Architecture & Engineering Occupations	22,420	23,710	1,290	5.8%	640

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Life, Physical & Social Science

Life, physical & social science (460) occupations employment growth is expected to be slower than average. Growth of hydrologists (20), environmental protection techs (10) and scientists (20), planners (10), and geoscientists (20) is expected to be average through 2018. Growth of the remaining occupations listed is projected to be less than average.

New Mexico					
Life, Physical & Social Science Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
Anthropologists & Archeologists	200	220	10	5.0%	10
Biological Technicians	190	200	10	5.3%	10
Chemical Technicians	310	310	10	3.2%	10
Chemists	210	220	10	4.8%	10
Clinical, Counseling & School Psychologists	3,440	4,050	610	17.7%	110
Conservation Scientists	220	250	40	18.2%	10
Environmental Protection Techs	200	250	50	25.0%	10
Environmental Scientists	320	390	70	21.9%	20
Forest & Conservation Technicians	870	900	30	3.4%	40
Geological & Petroleum Technicians	210	250	40	19.0%	10
Geoscientists	330	400	70	21.2%	20
Hydrologists	420	530	110	26.2%	20
Market Research Analysts	380	430	50	13.2%	10
Medical Scientists	450	520	60	13.3%	20
Urban & Regional Planners	230	270	50	21.7%	10
Life, Physical & Social Science Occupations	13,730	14,980	1,250	9.1%	460

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Arts, Design & Entertainment

Growth among arts, design & entertainment occupations (400) is projected to be less than average through 2018. Employment growth of audio/video equipment technicians (30), interpreters & translators (10), and multi-media artists & animators is expected to be about average. Most occupations in this group are projected to have little to no growth through 2018.

New Mexico					
Arts, Design & Entertainment Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
Audio & Video Equipment Technicians	530	680	150	28.3%	30
Broadcast Technicians	260	270	10	3.8%	10
Graphic Designers	1,040	1,060	20	1.9%	30
Interior Designers	280	290	20	7.1%	10
Interpreters & Translators	290	350	70	24.1%	10
Multi-Media Artists & Animators	150	190	30	20.0%	10
Producers & Directors	320	320	10	3.1%	10
Public Relations Specialists	750	850	100	13.3%	20
Technical Writers	420	470	60	14.3%	20
Writers & Authors	380	410	20	5.3%	10
Arts, Design & Entertainment	11,930	12,770	840	7.0%	400

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Healthcare Practitioners & Technical

Healthcare practitioners and technical occupations (1,760) are expected to grow about average. Employment among registered nurses (550) is the highest of the healthcare practitioners & technical occupations. Growth of registered nurses is expected to be average. LPNs (170) and dentists (30) are projected to grow less than average. Employment growth of pharmacists (90) and pharmacy technicians (150) is expected to be faster than average.

New Mexico					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	270	350	80	29.6%	10
Dental Hygienists	770	1,000	230	29.9%	40
Dentists, General	970	1,060	90	9.3%	30
Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	290	360	70	24.1%	10
EMTs & Paramedics	1,020	1,250	230	22.5%	40
Family & General Practitioners	1,580	1,780	200	12.7%	50
Internists, General	790	890	100	12.7%	20
Licensed Practical Nurses	5,360	5,590	220	4.1%	170
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	1,050	1,220	180	17.1%	30
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	1,080	1,330	260	24.1%	40
Medical Records Technicians	1,090	1,270	180	16.5%	50
Occupational Health & Safety Specialists	660	800	130	19.7%	30
Occupational Therapists	530	660	130	24.5%	20
Pharmacists	1,780	2,320	540	30.3%	90
Pharmacy Technicians	2,140	2,980	840	39.3%	150
Physical Therapists	990	1,280	290	29.3%	40
Physician Assistants	750	910	160	21.3%	30
Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	860	1,000	140	16.3%	30
Registered Nurses	12,970	16,350	3,390	26.1%	550
Respiratory Therapists	390	470	90	23.1%	20
Speech-Language Pathologists	1,140	1,340	200	17.5%	40
Surgical Technologists	480	620	140	29.2%	30
Veterinarians	550	640	90	16.4%	20
Veterinary Technologists & Technicians	410	480	80	19.5%	20
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical Occupations	44,700	53,550	8,850	19.8%	1,760

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Healthcare Support

Healthcare support occupations (990) are expected to grow at an average rate through 2018. Home health aides (390) are projected to add the most employment and grow much faster than average. Dental assistant employment is projected to grow at an average rate. Employment growth of nursing aides, orderlies & attendants (220), however, is expected to be less than average. Job growth of psychiatric aides (0) is expected to decline.

New Mexico					
Healthcare Support Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
Dental Assistants	2,000	2,550	560	28.0%	90
Home Health Aides	7,390	10,600	3,210	43.4%	390
Massage Therapists	750	880	140	18.7%	20
Medical Assistants	3,520	4,740	1,220	34.7%	170
Medical Transcriptionists	410	450	40	9.8%	10
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	8,670	10,100	1,420	16.4%	220
Occupational Therapist Aides	60	70	10	16.7%	0
Occupational Therapist Assistants	180	230	40	22.2%	10
Physical Therapist Aides	300	370	70	23.3%	10
Physical Therapist Assistants	290	380	90	31.0%	10
Psychiatric Aides	220	200	-20	-9.1%	0
Veterinary Assistants	820	830	10	1.2%	10
Healthcare Support Occupations	26,600	33,590	7,000	26.3%	990

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Education, Training & Library

Education, training and library occupations (2,540) are expected to have average growth. Employment growth of preschool teachers (90) and librarians (40) is expected to be slower than average. Job growth among the other occupations on this list is projected to be average to faster than average.

New Mexico					
Education Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
Curators	100	120	30	30.0%	10
Elementary School Teachers	9,350	12,030	2,680	28.7%	470
Graduate Teaching Assistants	2,300	3,210	910	39.6%	130
Instructional Coordinators	520	710	180	34.6%	30
Kindergarten Teachers	1,460	1,910	450	30.8%	70
Librarians	910	1,050	140	15.4%	40
Library Technicians	620	730	120	19.4%	40
Middle School Teachers	5,170	6,520	1,360	26.3%	250
Museum Technicians & Conservators	150	180	30	20.0%	10
Preschool Teachers	2,670	3,090	420	15.7%	90
Special Education Teachers, Middle	830	1,090	260	31.3%	40
Special Education Teachers, P-K & Elem	1,620	2,170	540	33.3%	90
Special Education Teachers, Secondary	1,150	1,410	260	22.6%	50
Teacher Assistants	9,690	11,700	2,010	20.7%	360
Education, Training & Library Occupations	54,150	68,680	14,530	26.8%	2,540

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Protective Service

Protective service occupations (1,110) are expected to grow faster than average. Growth of correctional officers & jailers (320) is expected to be faster than average. Fire fighters (90), detectives (60), and police officers (160) are expected to grow at an average rate through 2018. Employment growth of security guards (240) is expected to be less than average.

New Mexico					
Protective Service Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
1st-Line Spvrs of Correctional Officers	720	900	190	26.4%	40
1st-Line Spvrs of Fire Fighters	220	270	50	22.7%	10
1st-Line Spvrs of Police & Detectives	630	740	110	17.5%	30
Correctional Officers & Jailers	5,870	7,680	1,810	30.8%	320
Crossing Guards	270	300	30	11.1%	10
Detectives & Criminal Investigators	1,340	1,670	320	23.9%	60
Fire Fighters	1,540	1,880	330	21.4%	90
Gaming Surveillance & Investigators	250	310	50	20.0%	10
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	3,150	3,880	730	23.2%	160
Security Guards	7,350	8,300	950	12.9%	240
Protective Service Occupations	23,370	28,340	4,980	21.3%	1,110

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Food Preparation & Serving Related

Food preparation and serving related occupations (4,320) are projected add the most employment and grow at about average. Combined food preparation & servers (930), food prep workers (200), and supervisors (170) are expected to grow at an average rate through 2018. Growth among the remainder of the listed occupations is projected to be less than average.

New Mexico					
Food Preparation & Servers Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
1st-Line Spvrs of Food Prep & Servers	5,960	7,150	1,200	20.1%	170
Bartenders	3,180	3,680	500	15.7%	170
Chefs & Head Cooks	500	550	50	10.0%	10
Combined Food Prep & Servers	19,670	25,410	5,740	29.2%	950
Cooks, Fast Food	4,130	4,870	740	17.9%	190
Cooks, Institution & Cafeteria	3,720	4,200	480	12.9%	150
Cooks, Restaurant	6,840	8,180	1,340	19.6%	320
Cooks, Short Order	940	1,060	120	12.8%	40
Counter Attendants, Cafeteria & Coffee Shop	4,580	5,450	880	19.2%	410
Dining Room & Cafeteria & Bartender Helpers	3,420	4,010	590	17.3%	200
Dishwashers	4,320	5,060	740	17.1%	250
Food Preparation Workers	3,470	4,250	780	22.5%	200
Hosts & Hostesses, Restaurant & Coffee Shop	2,190	2,600	410	18.7%	190
Waiters & Waitresses	14,550	17,160	2,610	17.9%	1,050
Food Preparation & Serving Occupations	78,900	95,230	16,330	20.7%	4,320

Personal Care & Service

Personal care & service occupations (1,730) are expected to grow at an average rate. Employment growth of personal & home care aides (880) is expected to be much faster than average. Growth of all other occupations listed is expected to be slower than average.

New Mexico					
Personal Care & Service Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
1st-Line Spvrs of Personal Service Workers	1,400	1,510	110	7.9%	40
Amusement & Recreation Attendants	1,770	2,070	290	16.4%	120
Animal Trainers	560	610	40	7.1%	10
Child Care Workers	4,770	5,360	590	12.4%	200
Funeral Attendants	200	220	20	10.0%	10
Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	1,070	1,200	130	12.1%	30
Personal & Home Care Aides	12,430	19,140	6,710	54.0%	880
Recreation Workers	2,270	2,600	330	14.5%	80
Residential Advisors	60	80	10	16.7%	0
Transportation Attendants	130	150	20	15.4%	0
Ushers, Lobby Attendants & Ticket Takers	470	490	30	6.4%	40
Personal Care & Service Occupations	34,850	44,490	9,640	27.7%	1,730

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Sales & Related

Sales & related occupations (3,910) are expected to grow more slowly than the average. Retail sales workers (1,430) are expected to add the most employment in this sector, but grow less than average. Product promoters (10) are expected to grow at the average rate through 2018. All other occupations listed are projected to grow slower than average to declining.

New Mexico					
Sales Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
1st-Line Spvrs of Retail Sales Workers	14,490	16,090	1,600	11.0%	460
Advertising Sales Agents	1,180	1,290	120	10.2%	30
Cashiers	21,170	22,870	1,700	8.0%	1,180
Counter & Rental Clerks	2,350	2,800	450	19.1%	130
Demonstrators & Product Promoters	180	230	50	27.8%	10
Insurance Sales Agents	2,150	2,350	200	9.3%	70
Parts Salespersons	1,540	1,430	-120	-7.8%	20
Real Estate Brokers	880	870	-20	-2.3%	10
Real Estate Sales Agents	1,570	1,620	50	3.2%	30
Retail Salespersons	31,700	36,260	4,560	14.4%	1,430
Sales Reps, Wholesale & Mfg, non- Technical	5,700	6,310	600	10.5%	190
Sales Reps, Wholesale & Mfg, Technical	1,560	1,720	160	10.3%	50
Securities & Commodities Sales Agents	540	500	-40	-7.4%	10
Telemarketers	4,490	3,590	-900	-20.0%	160
Sales & Related Occupations	93,800	102,470	8,680	9.3%	3,910

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Office & Administrative Support

Employment growth of office & administrative support occupations (4,100) is expected to be slower than average. Customer service representatives (640) are expected to have average growth. Court, municipal & license clerks (20); library clerks (30); and police, fire & ambulance dispatchers (30) are expected to have average growth. All other listed occupations are expected to have less than average growth through 2018.

New Mexico					
Office & Administrative Support Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
1st-Line Spvrs of Office & Admin Support Workers	9,730	10,360	630	6.5%	260
Bill & Account Collectors	2,500	2,980	490	19.6%	90
Billing, Posting Clerks & Machine Operators	1,540	1,570	30	1.9%	20
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	13,430	14,970	1,540	11.5%	360
Court, Municipal & License Clerks	290	350	60	20.7%	10
Customer Service Representatives	12,520	15,440	2,910	23.2%	640
Eligibility Interviewers, Government Programs	1,190	1,390	200	16.8%	40
Executive Secretaries & Admin Assistants	6,040	6,850	810	13.4%	180
Hotel, Motel & Resort Desk Clerks	3,280	3,600	320	9.8%	170
Human Resources Assistants	1,190	1,330	150	12.6%	20
Library Assistants, Clerical	550	660	110	20.0%	30
Medical Secretaries	1,500	1,740	250	16.7%	50
Office Clerks, General	13,220	14,900	1,680	12.7%	410
Payroll & Timekeeping Clerks	1,630	1,670	40	2.5%	50
Police, Fire & Ambulance Dispatchers	520	640	120	23.1%	30
Procurement Clerks	460	480	20	4.3%	10
Production, Planning & Expediting Clerks	690	720	30	4.3%	20
Receptionists & Information Clerks	8,230	9,310	1,090	13.2%	310
Secretaries	20,010	20,210	200	1.0%	340
Shipping, Receiving & Traffic Clerks	2,160	2,330	170	7.9%	70
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers	10,570	10,590	20	0.2%	250
Tellers	4,190	4,760	570	13.6%	240
Office & Administrative Support Occupations	137,470	146,740	9,280	6.8%	4,100

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Construction & Extraction

Construction & extraction occupations (2,490) are expected to grow less than average. Almost all of the employment growth in construction & extraction is expected to be less than average through 2018.

New Mexico					
Construction & Extraction Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
Ist-Line Spvrs of Construction & Extraction Workers	7,550	8,750	1,200	15.9%	230
Brickmasons & Blockmasons	700	800	100	14.3%	30
Carpenters	8,050	9,550	1,510	18.8%	260
Cement Masons & Concrete Finishers	1,930	2,260	330	17.1%	90
Construction & Building Inspectors	590	700	100	16.9%	20
Construction Equipment Operators	4,240	4,890	650	15.3%	150
Construction Laborers	14,140	16,430	2,290	16.2%	340
Derrick Operators, Oil & Gas	1,430	1,700	280	19.6%	40
Drywall & Ceiling Tile Installers	1,550	1,750	200	12.9%	40
Electricians	4,150	4,730	590	14.2%	170
Helpers--Carpenters	1,000	1,210	200	20.0%	50
Helpers--Electricians	2,200	2,430	230	10.5%	80
Helpers--Extraction Workers	730	860	140	19.2%	40
Helpers--Plumbers & Pipefitters	1,480	1,720	240	16.2%	60
Painters, Construction & Maintenance	2,490	2,920	430	17.3%	90
Paving& Surfacing Equipment Operators	730	860	130	17.8%	30
Pipelayers	780	930	150	19.2%	30
Plasterers & Stucco Masons	870	1,010	140	16.1%	30
Plumbers & Pipefitters	3,760	4,360	600	16.0%	140
Roofers	1,420	1,690	270	19.0%	60
Rotary Drill Operators, Oil & Gas	890	1,060	170	19.1%	30
Roustabouts, Oil & Gas	2,910	3,480	560	19.2%	140
Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas & Mining	1,590	1,850	260	16.4%	40
Sheet Metal Workers	1,210	1,410	200	16.5%	50
Tile & Marble Setters	760	890	130	17.1%	20
Construction & Extraction Occupations	74,380	86,280	11,900	16.0%	2,490

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Installation, Maintenance & Repair

Installation, maintenance & repair occupations (980) are expected to experience less than average growth. Industrial Machinery Mechanics (50) are projected to experience average growth through 2018. All other listed occupations are expected to grow less than average.

New Mexico					
Installation, Maintenance & Repair Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
1st-Line Spvrs of Mechanics, Installers & Repairers	3,040	3,260	220	7.2%	90
Automotive Glass Installers & Repairers	160	160	10	6.3%	10
Automotive Service Technicians	5,500	5,800	300	5.5%	140
Bus & Truck Mechanics	2,370	2,640	270	11.4%	80
Coin, Vending & Amusement Machine Servicers	380	420	30	7.9%	10
Computer, ATM & Office Machine Repairers	970	1,010	40	4.1%	20
Control & Valve Techs	240	270	30	12.5%	10
Electrical Techs, Transportation Equipment	190	210	20	10.5%	10
Electrical Techs, Commercial Equip	410	440	30	7.3%	20
Electrical Power-Line Installers & Repairers	850	970	130	15.3%	40
Electrical Techs, Powerhouse, Substations & Relays	570	600	30	5.3%	20
Heating, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Techs	740	860	120	16.2%	30
Helpers--Installation, Maint & Repair Wrkrs	1,540	1,690	150	9.7%	50
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	1,080	1,360	280	25.9%	50
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	8,730	9,700	970	11.1%	120
Maintenance Workers, Machinery	500	510	10	2.0%	10
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics	1,880	2,240	360	19.1%	70
Security & Fire Alarm Systems Installers	420	480	60	14.3%	10
Telecommunications Equipment Techs	1,520	1,630	110	7.2%	50
Telecommunications Line Installers & Repairers	490	500	10	2.0%	10
Tire Repairers & Changers	1,100	1,210	110	10.0%	30
Installation, Maintenance & Repair Occupations	37,790	41,120	3,340	8.8%	980

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Production

Production occupations (900) are expected to show almost no growth. Growth of painting, coating & decorating workers (10); water/waste water plant operators (40), and gas plant operators (10) is expected to be average. All other listed occupations are expected to have less than average growth through 2018.

New Mexico					
Production Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
1st-Line Spvrs of Production & Operating Workers	2,400	2,500	100	4.2%	50
Bakers	1,160	1,370	210	18.1%	50
Butchers & Meat Cutters	560	630	80	14.3%	30
Cabinetmakers & Bench Carpenters	890	900	10	1.1%	30
Coating & Painting Machine Operators	210	230	20	9.5%	10
Cutting & Slicing Machine Operators	270	290	20	7.4%	10
Dental Laboratory Technicians	180	210	30	16.7%	10
Extruding & Forming Machine Operators	340	370	30	8.8%	10
Gas Plant Operators	160	200	40	25.0%	10
Helpers--Production Workers	2,180	2,300	120	5.5%	70
Laundry & Dry-Cleaning Workers	1,610	1,670	60	3.7%	40
Machinists	1,400	1,440	40	2.9%	30
Molders, Except Metal & Plastic	390	410	20	5.1%	10
Molding Machine Operators, Metal & Plastic	240	250	20	8.3%	10
Ophthalmic Laboratory Technicians	200	230	30	15.0%	10
Painters, Transportation Equipment	450	480	30	6.7%	10
Painting, Coating & Decorating Workers	210	270	60	28.6%	10
Paper Goods Machine Operators	220	240	20	9.1%	10
Petroleum Pump & Refinery Operators	560	600	30	5.4%	20
Power Plant Operators	650	730	90	13.8%	30
Team Assemblers	2,050	2,140	90	4.4%	50
Water/Waste Water Plant & System Operators	890	1,140	250	28.1%	40
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	2,180	2,490	310	14.2%	80
Woodworking Machine Operators	110	130	20	18.2%	10
Production Occupations	34,150	34,690	550	1.6%	900

Note: Numbers in parenthesis are the total annual openings.

Transportation & Material Moving

Transportation & material moving occupations (1,440) are expected to be less than average. Employment growth of public transportation drivers (20), ambulance drivers (10), and traffic technicians (0) is expected to be average through 2018. Growth for all other listed occupations is expected to be less than average to declining.

New Mexico					
Transportation & Material Moving Occupations	Estimated 2008	Projected 2018	Number Change	Percent Change	Annual Openings
1st-Line Spvrs Transportation & Material-Movers	980	1,080	100	10.2%	30
Air Traffic Controllers	400	470	70	17.5%	20
Ambulance Drivers & Attendants	140	170	30	21.4%	10
Bus Drivers, School	2,640	3,030	390	14.8%	70
Bus Drivers, Transit & Intercity	570	690	120	21.1%	20
Cleaners of Vehicles & Equipment	1,750	1,830	80	4.6%	80
Crane & Tower Operators	250	280	40	16.0%	10
Driver/Sales Workers	2,120	1,960	-160	-7.5%	40
Excavating & Dragline Operators	500	580	80	16.0%	20
Gas Compressor & Gas Pumping Operators	240	230	-20	-8.3%	10
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	970	980	10	1.0%	30
Laborers & Material Movers, Hand	9,470	9,850	380	4.0%	340
Packers & Packagers, Hand	2,310	2,150	-160	-6.9%	30
Parking Lot Attendants	450	460	10	2.2%	10
Pump Operators, Except Wellhead Pumpers	160	170	10	6.3%	10
Refuse & Recyclable Material Collectors	560	610	50	8.9%	20
Service Station Attendants	680	780	100	14.7%	40
Traffic Technicians	100	120	20	20.0%	0
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	10,020	11,090	1,070	10.7%	290
Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services	7,040	7,710	670	9.5%	190
Wellhead Pumpers	610	650	40	6.6%	30
Transportation & Material Moving Occupations	47,080	50,480	3,400	7.2%	1,440

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Industries to watch

In 2008, New Mexico was watching closely and nervously at an industry that appeared to be on the rise just one year earlier. That industry was the transportation manufacturing sector. The driving establishment of that sector stunned many when it abruptly announced that it would cease operations in early 2009. In very short time, 1,000 well-paid manufacturing workers were without jobs. By late 2009, the news was out that another aerospace manufacturer had purchased the assets of the now-defunct establishment and planned to re-open in the previous location. While not all the lost jobs will come back immediately, there are plans to ramp up maintenance first and manufacturing in the future.

New Mexico is receiving a great deal of attention from solar panel manufacturers looking at setting up operations in response to the current Administration's goal of being an alternative energy exporter, as well as having an available labor force and good business climate.

We do not have an employment data series specific to the emerging aerospace industry, although many of its workers are classified under manufacturing. The addition of Spaceport America at Upham, New Mexico, is certainly breaking new ground in an industry for which there is no historic data to input into our economic models.

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