

Occupations in Demand

Faster than average growth and many annual openings

High School and Limited Training

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Annual Growth
Personal & Home Care Aides	\$18,150	5.7%
Home Health Aides	\$18,907	4.9%
Medical Assistants	\$25,030	3.4%
Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$26,951	2.6%
Customer Service Representatives	\$29,319	2.3%
1st-Line Spvrs of Food Preparation & Serving Workers	\$27,055	2.1%
Retail Salespersons	\$20,302	2.1%
Carpenters*	\$34,899	1.8%
1st-Line Spvrs of Retail Sales Workers	\$31,117	1.6%
Construction Laborers	\$22,710	1.6%
Receptionists & Information Clerks	\$20,250	1.5%
Roustabouts, Oil & Gas	\$33,381	1.5%
Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators*	\$36,291	1.5%
1st-Line Spvrs of Construction & Extraction Wrkrs*	\$55,091	1.4%
Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	\$33,503	1.3%

Vocational, Technical or Apprenticeship

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Annual Growth
Dental Hygienists*	\$67,433	2.9%
Geological & Petroleum Technicians*	\$47,311	2.4%
Medical Records & Health Information Technicians	\$24,009	2.1%
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers	\$40,585	1.9%
Radiologic Technologists & Technicians*	\$47,414	1.8%
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	\$20,512	1.7%
Commercial & Industrial Equipment Repairers	Confidential	1.7%
Emergency Medical Technicians & Paramedics	\$31,566	1.6%
Preschool Teachers	\$31,361	1.5%
Civil Engineering Technicians	\$33,348	1.3%
Bus, Truck & Diesel Technicians	\$30,086	1.2%
Computer Support Specialists	\$42,028	1.0%
Automotive Service Technicians	\$30,975	0.9%
Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$38,037	0.8%
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$35,530	0.7%

Bachelor's or Higher Degree

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Annual Growth
Network Systems & Data Communications Analysts	\$54,856	4.1%
Medical & Public Health Social Workers	\$47,993	3.1%
Database Administrators	\$53,031	3.0%
Physical Therapists*	\$74,023	2.8%
Mental Health Counselors	\$38,210	2.7%
Registered Nurses	\$55,692	2.6%
Construction Managers	\$54,634	2.6%
Mental Health & Substance Abuse Social Workers	\$45,921	2.5%
Petroleum Engineers*	\$78,579	2.5%
Network & Computer Systems Administrators	\$54,184	2.5%
Probation Officers & Correctional Treatment Specialists	Confidential	2.5%
Social & Community Service Managers	\$37,654	2.4%
Medical & Health Services Managers	\$60,858	2.3%
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	\$43,371	2.1%
Environmental Engineers*	\$110,870	2.0%

*Top paying job

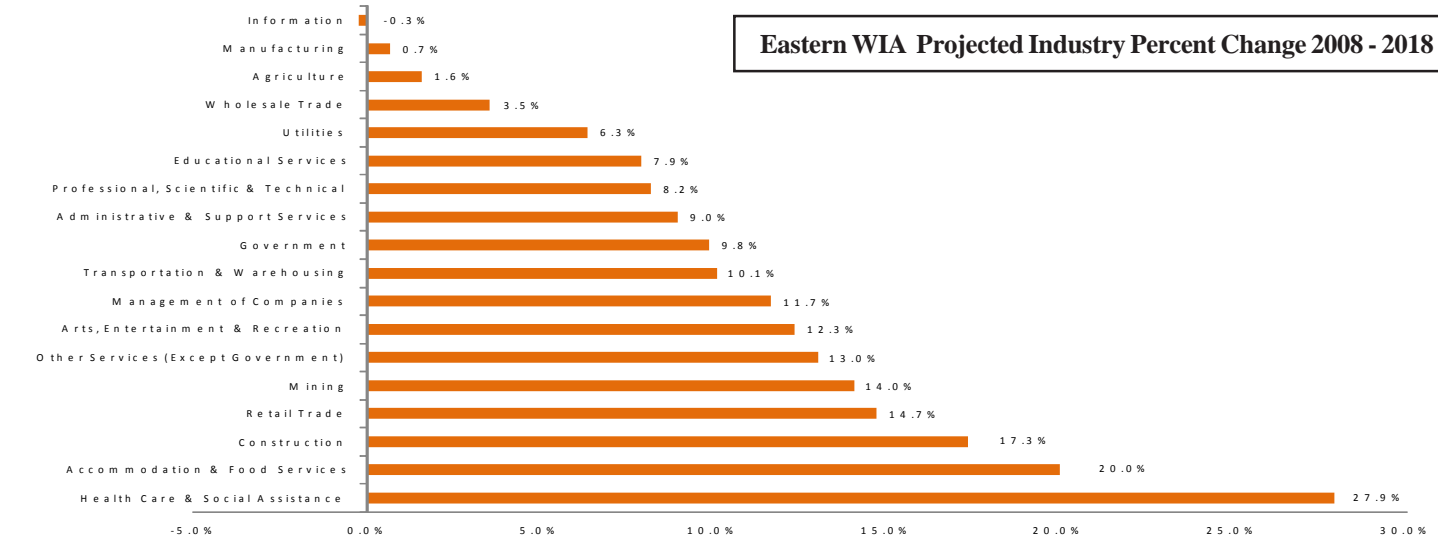
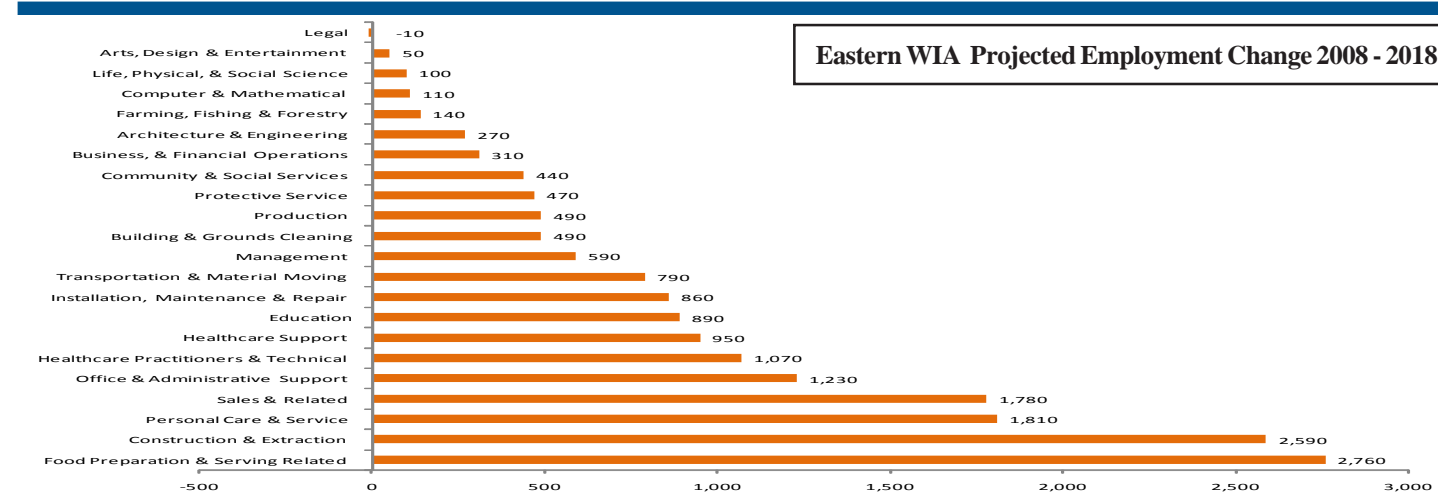
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2018 Employment Projections

The 2018 Eastern WIA Employment Projections presents a summary of information about the region's job market and economy for ten years from 2008 – 2018. The following graphs and tables present information on industries and occupations that will impact our state's economic outlook. Additional information can be found in the *2018 In Brief*, and the Employment Projections 2018 for the other WIA regions and MSAs, and on our website at www.dws.state.nm.us/dws-lmi.html.

The Eastern WIA economy is expected to generate about 18,170 new jobs through the year 2018. This represents growth of about 13.1 percent. The healthcare & social assistance sector leads the growth by adding over 4,300 alone, followed by accommodations & food services and retail sales projected to add over 5,000 jobs combined. Occupations with the highest annual openings make up a diverse group. Examples include: personal care aides, retail salespersons, registered nurses, oil & gas extraction workers, and administrative support workers.



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Occupations

Industries

Fastest Growing Occupations 2008-2018

Occupations with Most Annual Openings 2008-2018

Occupational Title	Eastern WIA	% Change	Occupational Title	Eastern WIA	Total Annual Openings
Personal & Home Care Aides		57.5%	Personal & Home Care Aides		143
Pharmacy Technicians		39.7%	Combined Food Preparation & Servers		122
Social & Human Service Assistants		39.4%	Retail Salespersons		103
Medical Assistants		34.4%	Registered Nurses		38
Combined Food Preparation & Servers		30.1%	Construction Laborers		38
Dental Assistants		27.7%	Truck Drivers, Heavy & Tractor-Trailer		35
Registered Nurses		25.8%	Roustabouts, Oil & Gas		34
Construction Managers		25.8%	Cashiers		34
Correctional Officers & Jailers		25.5%	Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks		29
Customer Service Representatives		22.7%	Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants		24
Retail Salespersons		20.6%	1st-Line Spvrs of Construction & Extraction Workers		24
Welders, Cutters, Solderers & Brazers		19.3%	Janitors & Cleaners		23
Carpenters		18.4%	Office Clerks, General		23
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants		17.2%	Carpenters		22
Special Education Teachers, P-K & Elementary		16.8%	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General		22

Many of the jobs with the most openings and fastest growing require little education and training. Unfortunately, the wages for most are lower than the statewide average. On a positive note, registered nurses are in the top 15 for both lists, and wages for these occupations exceed \$55,000/year on average. Although not included in both top 15 lists, jobs such construction managers (ranked 8th for fastest growing), 1st-line supervisors of construction & extraction workers (ranking 11th for most annual openings), and roustabouts (ranking 23rd for fastest growing and 7th for most annual openings) are well-paying jobs.

Industry Change 2008-2018

Industry Sectors with Number of Jobs 2008-2018

Industry	Eastern WIA	% Change	Industry	Eastern WIA	Change
Health Care & Social Assistance		27.9%	Health Care & Social Assistance		4,340
Accommodation & Food Services		20.0%	Accommodation & Food Services		2,770
Construction		17.3%	Retail Trade		2,240
Retail Trade		14.7%	Construction		1,640
Mining		14.0%	Mining		1,600
Other Services (Except Government)		13.0%	Government		1,290
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation		12.3%	Educational Services		980
Management of Companies		11.7%	Administrative & Support Services		460
Transportation & Warehousing		10.1%	Other Services (Except Government)		450
Government		9.8%	Transportation & Warehousing		430
Administrative & Support Services		9.0%	Professional, Scientific & Technical		290
Professional, Scientific & Technical		8.2%	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation		180
Educational Services		7.9%	Wholesale Trade		120
Utilities		6.3%	Management of Companies		90
Wholesale Trade		3.5%	Agriculture		80
Agriculture		1.6%	Utilities		60
Manufacturing		0.7%	Manufacturing		30
Information		-0.3%	Information		0
Total Employment, All Jobs		13.1%	Total Employment, All Jobs		18,170

Health care & social assistance, accommodation & food services, and retail trade continue to top the lists of fastest growing industries and industries with the highest number of jobs in the Eastern WIA. This trend is evident from social assistance, food services & drinking places, and general merchandise stores subsectors leading both lists as well. Information is the only major industry sector projected to decline by 2018, at -0.3 percent.

Eastern WIA Employment Projections by Major Occupation Category

Occupational Category	2008	2018	Employment Change 2008-2018	Percent Change 2008-2018
	Annual Employment	Projected Employment		
Food Preparation & Serving Related	12,440	15,200	2,760	22.2%
Construction & Extraction	17,670	20,250	2,590	14.6%
Personal Care & Service	5,540	7,350	1,810	32.7%
Sales & Related	14,740	16,520	1,780	12.1%
Office & Administrative Support	19,990	21,220	1,230	6.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	5,430	6,500	1,070	19.8%
Healthcare Support	3,580	4,530	950	26.4%
Education	8,350	9,240	890	10.7%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	7,750	8,610	860	11.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	9,780	10,560	790	8.1%
Management	7,060	7,650	590	8.4%
Building & Grounds Cleaning	5,220	5,700	490	9.3%
Production	5,110	5,590	490	9.5%
Protective Service	2,590	3,060	470	18.3%
Community & Social Services	1,730	2,170	440	25.1%
Business, & Financial Operations	2,970	3,280	310	10.4%
Architecture & Engineering	2,190	2,460	270	12.1%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	3,450	3,590	140	4.1%
Computer & Mathematical	840	950	110	13.4%
Life, Physical, & Social Science	1,030	1,130	100	9.6%
Arts, Design & Entertainment	1,020	1,070	50	5.1%
Legal	740	730	-10	-0.7%
Total, All Occupations	139,190	157,360	18,170	13.1%

Fastest Growing Industry Subsectors 2008-2018

Leading Industry Subsectors 2008-2018

Subsector	Eastern WIA	% Change	Subsector	Eastern WIA	Change
Social Assistance		38.3%	Food Services & Drinking Places		2,550
General Merchandise Stores		33.8%	General Merchandise Stores		1,390
Religious, Grantmaking, Civic & Professional		25.2%	Social Assistance		1,380
Construction of Buildings		24.8%	Support Activities for Mining		1,050
Food Services & Drinking Places		24.1%	Educational Services		980
Building Material & Garden Equipment Suppliers		22.7%	Local Government		840
Rental & Leasing Services		19.8%	Hospitals		730
Hospitals		17.5%	Construction of Buildings		720
Food & Beverage Stores		17.1%	Specialty Trade Contractors		560
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction		14.6%	Oil & Gas Extraction		460
Specialty Trade Contractors		14.3%	Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction		360
Support Activities for Mining		13.9%	State Government		360
Local Government		13.7%	Administrative & Support Services		350
Amusement, Gambling & Recreation Industries		13.4%	Food & Beverage Stores		330
State Government		13.0%	Building Material & Garden Equipment Suppliers		320
Truck Transportation		12.8%	Truck Transportation		310
Administrative & Support Services		12.1%	Professional, Scientific & Technical Services		290
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services		8.4%	Religious, Grantmaking, Civic & Professional		280
Educational Services		8.2%	Accommodation		220
Credit Intermediation		7.9%	Animal Production		190
Accommodation		7.2%	Rental & Leasing Services		180
Food Manufacturing		6.7%	Credit Intermediation		170
		6.2%	Amusement, Gambling & Recreation Industries		160