

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	\$19,190	5.4%
Home Health Aides	\$20,080	4.3%
Medical Assistants	\$26,400	3.5%
Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$27,780	3.1%
Combined Food Prep & Servers	\$15,950	2.9%
Customer Service Representatives	\$27,690	2.3%
Teacher Assistants	\$18,400	2.1%
Cooks, Restaurant	\$20,290	2.0%
Carpenters*	\$34,000	1.9%
Construction Laborers	\$24,060	1.6%
Janitors & Cleaners	\$20,530	1.5%
Retail Salespersons	\$21,770	1.4%
Office Clerks, General	\$22,560	1.3%
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks*	\$29,580	1.1%
1st-Line Spvrs of Retail Sales Workers*	\$37,130	1.1%
Cashiers	\$18,350	0.8%

Vocational, Technical or Apprenticeship

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Annual Growth
Physical Therapist Assistants	\$44,540	3.2%
Dental Hygienists*	\$71,970	2.9%
Surgical Technologists	\$33,530	2.9%
EMTs & Paramedics	\$29,650	2.3%
Medical Records Technicians	\$30,080	1.7%
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technicians	\$36,520	1.7%
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	\$22,580	1.6%
Radiologic Technologists & Technicians*	\$52,010	1.6%
Preschool Teachers	\$25,760	1.6%
Welders	\$39,710	1.4%
Bus & Truck Mechanics	\$39,680	1.2%
Computer Support Specialists	\$45,190	1.1%
Paralegals & Legal Assistants	\$37,570	0.8%
Telecommunications Equipment Technicians*	\$49,610	0.7%
Automotive Service Technicians	\$33,440	0.5%
Licensed Practical Nurses	\$47,880	0.4%

Bachelor's or Higher Degree

Occupational Title	Average Wage	Annual Growth
Network Systems & Data Communications Analysts	\$64,410	4.5%
Vocational Education Teachers	\$43,220	3.7%
Instructional Coordinators	\$52,060	3.5%
Applications Software Engineers*	\$82,760	3.4%
Special Education Teachers, P-K & Elem	\$51,110	3.4%
Kindergarten Teachers	\$50,800	3.1%
Pharmacists*	\$101,620	3.1%
Education Administrators	\$74,410	3.0%
Physical Therapists	\$64,520	2.9%
Elementary School Teachers	\$49,750	2.9%
Substance Abuse & Behavioral Disorder Counselors	\$35,900	2.8%
Middle School Teachers	\$51,560	2.6%
Registered Nurses	\$61,830	2.6%
Database Administrators	\$58,120	2.6%
Construction Managers	\$68,220	2.5%
Industrial Engineers*	\$89,070	2.5%

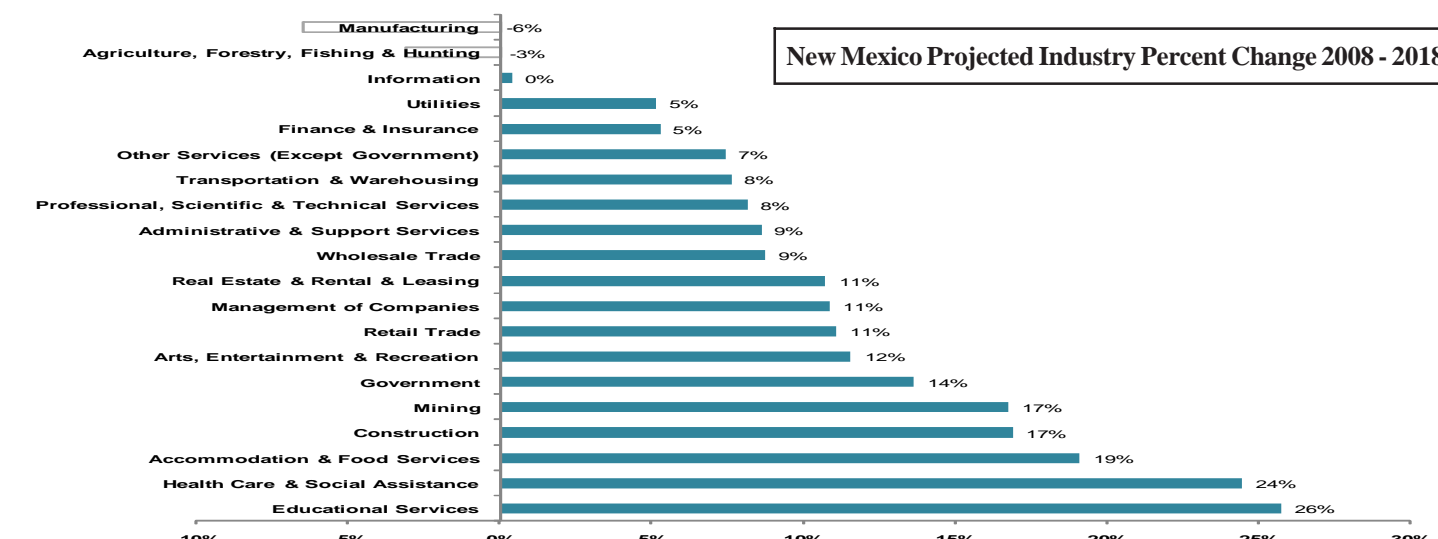
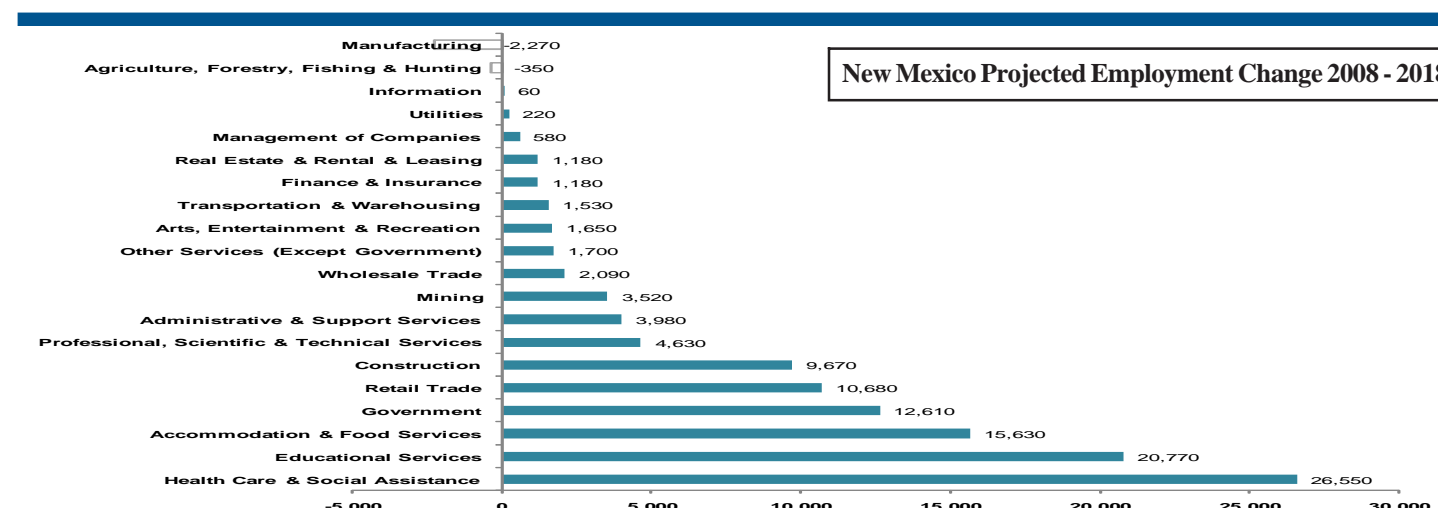
*Top paying job

In-Brief NEW MEXICO

2018 Employment Projections

The 2018 In-Brief Employment Projections presents a summary of information about the New Mexico 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 *Albuquerque MSA Employment Projections 2018*, the *Farmington, Las Cruces, and Santa Fe MSA Employment Projections 2018* and on our website at www.dws.state.nm.us/dws-lmi.html.

The New Mexico economy is expected to generate about 120,240 new jobs due to growth through the year 2018. This represents a growth rate of about 13.5 percent. The health care & social assistance sector leads the growth by adding about 26,600 jobs alone, followed by educational services projected to add 20,800 jobs. Over 200,000 existing jobs are expected to become open over the 2008 to 2018 period as New Mexico's baby boomers are nearing retirement.



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Occupations

Industries

Fastest Growing Occupations 2008-2018

Occupations with Most Annual Openings 2008-2018

Statewide	%	Statewide	Total Annual
Occupational Title	Change	Occupational Title	Openings
Personal & Home Care Aides	54.0%	Retail Salespersons	1,430
Network Systems & Data Communications Analysts	45.1%	Cashiers	1,180
Home Health Aides	43.4%	Waiters & Waitresses	1,050
Pharmacy Technicians	39.5%	Combined Food Preparation & Servers	950
Medical Assistants	34.7%	Personal & Home Care Aides	880
Applications Software Engineers	34.2%	Customer Service Representatives	640
Special Education Teachers	33.5%	Registered Nurses	550
Correctional Officers & Jailers	30.9%	Janitors & Cleaners	480
Kindergarten Teachers	30.8%	Elementary School Teachers	470
Pharmacists	30.6%	1st-Line Spvrs of Retail Sales Workers	460
Physical Therapists	29.3%	Office Clerks, General	410
Combined Food Prep & Servers	29.2%	Counter Attendants, Cafeteria & Coffee Shop	410
Elementary School Teachers	28.7%	Home Health Aides	390
Dental Assistants	27.9%	Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	360
Water/Waste Treatment System Operators	27.8%	Teacher Assistants	360

Many of the jobs with the most openings and fastest growing require little education and training. Unfortunately, the wages for most are well below the national average. On a positive note, elementary school teachers are in the top 15 for both lists, and wages for this occupation exceeds \$45,000/year. Although not included in both top 15 lists, jobs such registered nurses (ranking 17th for fastest growing and 7th for most annual openings), physical therapists (ranking 11th for fastest growing), and general & operations managers (ranking 16th for most annual openings) are well-paying jobs.

Industry Change 2008-2018

Industry Sectors with Number of Jobs 2008-2018

Statewide	% Change	Statewide	Change
Industry		Industry	
Educational Services	25.7%	Health Care & Social Assistance	26,550
Health Care & Social Assistance	24.4%	Educational Services	20,770
Accommodation & Food Services	19.1%	Accommodation & Food Services	15,630
Construction	16.9%	Government	12,610
Mining	16.7%	Retail Trade	10,680
Government	13.6%	Construction	9,670
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	11.6%	Professional, Scientific & Technical Service	4,630
Retail Trade	11.1%	Administrative & Support Services	3,980
Management of Companies	10.8%	Mining	3,520
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	10.7%	Wholesale Trade	2,090
Wholesale Trade	8.7%	Other Services (Except Government)	1,700
Administrative & Support Services	8.6%	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,650
Professional, Scientific & Technical Service	8.2%	Transportation & Warehousing	1,530
Transportation & Warehousing	7.6%	Finance & Insurance	1,180
Other Services (Except Government)	7.4%	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,180
Total Employment, All Jobs	13.5%	Total Employment, All Jobs	120,240

Educational services, health care & social assistance, and accommodation & food services continue to top the lists of fastest growing industries and industries with the highest number of jobs statewide. This trend is evident from ambulatory health care services, educational services, social assistance, and general merchandise stores subsectors leading both lists as well. Growth in the information sector is projected to be flat, and two sectors are projected to decline, agriculture (-3%) and manufacturing (-6%).

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

Fastest Growing Industry Subsectors 2008-2018

Leading Industry Subsectors 2008-2018

Statewide	% Change	Statewide	Change
Subsector		Subsector	
Ambulatory Health Care Services	33.8%	Educational Services	20,770
Social Assistance	28.9%	Food Services & Drinking Places	14,450
General Merchandise Stores	25.8%	Ambulatory Health Care Services	13,570
Educational Services	25.7%	Local Government	8,720
Construction of Buildings	24.6%	Social Assistance	6,450
Bldg Material & Garden Equip Suppliers	22.7%	General Merchandise Stores	5,910
Food Services & Drinking Places	22.2%	Hospitals	5,000
Local Government	21.4%	Professional, Scientific & Technical	4,630
Rental & Leasing Services	20.4%	Specialty Trade Contractors	4,490
Support Activities for Mining	18.8%	Construction of Buildings	3,820
Warehousing & Storage	17.4%	Administrative & Support Services	3,700
Religious, Civic & Professional Organizations	16.3%	State Government	3,350
Hospitals	14.8%	Support Activities for Mining	2,240
Food & Beverage Stores	14.4%	Food & Beverage Stores	1,970
Mining (except Oil & Gas)	14.0%	Bldg Material & Garden Equip Suppliers	1,890
Specialty Trade Contractors	14.0%	Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	1,830
Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	14.0%	Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	1,530
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.0%	Amusement, Gambling & Recreation	1,510
Merchant Wholesalers, Durable Goods	13.8%	Heavy & Civil Engineering Construction	1,360
Support Activities for Transportation	13.4%	Accommodation	1,170
State Government	13.0%	Religious, Civic & Professional Organizations	1,080
Amusement, Gambling & Recreation Industries	12.7%	Credit Intermediation & Related Activities	930
Beverage & Tobacco Product Manufacturing	12.7%	Rental & Leasing Services	870
Nursing & Residential Care Facilities	12.2%	Mining (except Oil & Gas)	680