

50 Fastest-Growing Occupation Projections in Florida

Includes openings due to growth and replacement openings resulting from workers permanently leaving the occupation.

This table includes occupations with a minimum of 4,000 jobs in 2015.

2015

Title		Employment		2015 - 2023		Median Hourly Wage (\$)	Education Level
		Current	Projection	Growth	Total Job Openings		
		2015	2023				
1	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	4,878	6,776	1,898	2,420	29.70	Postsecondary Vocational
2	Physician Assistants	5,308	7,280	1,972	2,704	46.59	Bachelor's Degree
3	Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	12,577	17,234	4,657	5,828	15.21	Postsecondary Vocational
4	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	11,549	15,561	4,012	5,372	51.45	Master's or Higher Degree
5	Helpers - Electricians	6,080	8,064	1,984	2,791	12.06	Less than High School
6	Home Health Aides	30,388	40,093	9,705	14,237	10.39	Postsecondary Vocational
7	Physical Therapist Assistants	4,850	6,392	1,542	2,380	29.12	Associate Degree
8	Nurse Practitioners	7,199	9,421	2,222	3,304	44.22	Master's or Higher Degree
9	Cost Estimators	14,630	19,051	4,421	8,124	26.23	Associate Degree
10	Meeting, Convention, and Event Planners	5,819	7,510	1,691	2,313	21.32	Associate Degree
11	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	19,897	25,465	5,568	7,693	26.31	Bachelor's Degree
12	Medical Secretaries	18,715	23,835	5,120	6,917	14.37	Postsecondary Vocational
13	First-Line Superv. of Construction and Extraction Workers	41,563	52,868	11,305	14,964	26.46	Associate Degree
14	Logisticians	5,404	6,862	1,458	1,929	32.11	Bachelor's Degree
15	Medical Equipment Repairers	5,061	6,403	1,342	2,466	18.93	Postsecondary Vocational
16	Painters, Construction and Maintenance	27,905	35,169	7,264	10,649	14.69	Postsecondary Vocational
17	Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	6,555	8,251	1,696	2,204	14.06	Postsecondary Vocational
18	Medical Assistants	42,409	53,251	10,842	17,162	14.12	Postsecondary Vocational
19	Physical Therapists	12,151	15,251	3,100	5,476	40.22	Master's or Higher Degree
20	Carpenters	59,653	74,802	15,149	21,052	16.68	Postsecondary Vocational
21	Construction Laborers	63,651	79,706	16,055	26,904	12.88	Less than High School
22	Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians	4,463	5,571	1,108	1,586	22.22	Postsecondary Vocational
23	Tile and Marble Setters	4,945	6,173	1,228	1,941	14.58	Postsecondary Vocational
24	Surgical Technologists	6,443	8,020	1,577	2,062	19.14	Postsecondary Vocational
25	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	6,608	8,204	1,596	2,960	16.03	Associate Degree

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity:

Go to the Employment Projections page (www.floridajobs.org/lmsc/ep). Under "Employment Projections Data" select either Statewide or your Workforce Region and then Open the file that downloads. When the spreadsheet opens, choose the **Occf** worksheet at the bottom of the page. If you do not see the worksheets list, you may need to maximize the worksheet.



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		Current	Projection	Growth	Total Job Openings	Hourly Wage (\$)	
		2015	2023				
26	Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	12,255	15,191	2,936	4,096	10.18	Less than High School
27	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	45,034	55,503	10,469	19,159	20.18	Postsecondary Vocational
28	Dental Hygienists	11,189	13,756	2,567	4,778	31.84	Associate Degree
29	Occupational Therapists	5,916	7,249	1,333	1,898	40.13	Master's or Higher Degree
30	Heating, A.C., & Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	27,553	33,603	6,050	11,604	18.55	Postsecondary Vocational
31	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	23,742	28,922	5,180	8,194	22.73	Postsecondary Vocational
32	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	21,795	26,534	4,739	6,924	18.19	Postsecondary Vocational
33	Operating Engineers/Construction Equipment Operators	14,321	17,417	3,096	5,606	16.80	Postsecondary Vocational
34	Roofers	20,912	25,395	4,483	8,006	15.29	Postsecondary Vocational
35	Food Servers, Nonrestaurant	14,871	18,019	3,148	6,634	9.32	Less than High School
36	Sheet Metal Workers	7,826	9,480	1,654	2,816	16.83	Postsecondary Vocational
37	Parking Lot Attendants	17,811	21,561	3,750	10,727	9.28	Less than High School
38	Pest Control Workers	10,137	12,267	2,130	4,326	14.08	Postsecondary Vocational
39	Healthcare Social Workers	5,465	6,610	1,145	2,063	22.01	Master's or Higher Degree
40	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	11,717	14,151	2,434	5,109	22.22	Postsecondary Vocational
41	Nursing Assistants	89,500	108,035	18,535	31,882	11.49	Postsecondary Vocational
42	Operations Research Analysts	6,203	7,484	1,281	2,364	25.97	Master's or Higher Degree
43	Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	5,053	6,090	1,037	1,885	19.26	Bachelor's Degree
44	Electricians	35,533	42,819	7,286	12,607	19.08	Postsecondary Vocational
45	Computer Systems Analysts	21,025	25,330	4,305	6,867	39.34	Associate Degree
46	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	8,588	10,323	1,735	2,381	14.50	Associate Degree
47	Phlebotomists	6,868	8,254	1,386	2,409	13.62	Postsecondary Vocational
48	Medical and Health Services Managers	12,078	14,508	2,430	4,707	46.92	Bachelor's Degree
49	Civil Engineers	13,483	16,150	2,667	5,241	39.15	Bachelor's Degree
50	Pipelayers	4,996	5,983	987	1,488	16.45	Postsecondary Vocational

Less than High School	5	High School Diploma	0
Postsecondary Vocational	25	Associate Degree	8
Bachelor's Degree	6	Master's or Higher Degree	6

Postsecondary Vocational- Occupations that generally require Career and Technical training that last from a few weeks to a year or more.

Associate Degree- Generally two year college programs that award an associate in arts degree (AA), an associate in science (AS) or an associate in applied science degree (AAS).