

**Table 605. Employment Projections by Occupation: 2006 and 2016**

[In thousands (262 represents 262,000), except percent and rank. Estimates based on the Current Employment Statistics Program; the Occupational Employment Statistics Survey; and the Current Population Survey. See source for methodological assumptions. Occupations based on the 2000 Standard Occupational Classification system]

Occupation	Employment (1,000)		Change 2006–2016		Quartile rank by 2006 median annual earnings <sup>1</sup>	Most significant source of postsecondary education or training
	2006	2016	Num- ber (1,000)	Per- cent		
<b>FASTEST GROWING</b>						
Network systems and data communications analysts	262	402	140	53.4	VH	Bachelor's degree
Personal and home care aides	767	1,156	389	50.6	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Home health aides	787	1,171	384	48.7	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Computer software engineers, applications	507	733	226	44.6	VH	Bachelor's degree
Veterinary technologists and technicians	71	100	29	41.0	L	Associate's degree
Personal financial advisors	176	248	72	41.0	VH	Bachelor's degree
Makeup artists, theatrical and performance	2	3	1	39.8	H	Postsecondary
Medical assistants	417	565	148	35.4	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Veterinarians	62	84	22	35.0	VH	First professional degree
Substance abuse and behavioral disorder counselors	83	112	29	34.3	H	Bachelor's degree
Skin care specialists	38	51	13	34.3	L	Postsecondary vocational award
Financial analysts	221	295	75	33.8	VH	Bachelor's degree
Social and human service assistants	339	453	114	33.6	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Gaming surveillance officers and gaming investigators	9	12	3	33.6	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Physical therapist assistants	60	80	20	32.4	H	Associate degree
Pharmacy technicians	285	376	91	32.0	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Forensic science technicians	13	17	4	30.7	H	Bachelor's degree
Dental hygienists	167	217	50	30.1	VH	Associate's degree
Mental health counselors	100	130	30	30.0	H	Master's degree
Mental health and substance abuse social workers	122	159	37	29.9	H	Master's degree
Marriage and family therapists	25	32	7	29.8	H	Master's degree
Dental assistants	280	362	82	29.2	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Computer systems analysts	504	650	146	29.0	VH	Bachelor's degree
Database administrators	119	154	34	28.6	VH	Bachelor's degree
Computer software engineers, systems software	350	449	99	28.2	VH	Bachelor's degree
Gaming and sports book writers and runners	18	24	5	28.0	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Environmental science and protection technicians, including health	36	47	10	28.0	H	Associate's degree
Manicurists and pedicurists	78	100	22	27.6	VL	Postsecondary vocational award
Physical therapists	173	220	47	27.1	VH	Master's degree
Physician assistants	66	83	18	27.0	VH	Master's degree
<b>LARGEST JOB GROWTH</b>						
Registered nurses	2,505	3,092	587	23.5	VH	Associate's degree
Retail salespersons	4,477	5,034	557	12.4	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Customer service representatives	2,202	2,747	545	24.8	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	2,503	2,955	452	18.1	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Office clerks, general	3,200	3,604	404	12.6	L	Short-term on-the-job training
Personal and home care aides	767	1,156	389	50.6	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Home health aides	787	1,171	384	48.7	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Postsecondary teachers	1,672	2,054	382	22.9	VH	Doctoral degree
Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	2,387	2,732	345	14.5	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	1,447	1,711	264	18.2	L	Postsecondary vocational award
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	2,114	2,377	264	12.5	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Waiters and waitresses	2,361	2,615	255	10.8	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Child care workers	1,388	1,636	248	17.8	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants	1,618	1,857	239	14.8	H	Work experience in a related occupation
Computer software engineers, applications	507	733	226	44.6	VH	Bachelor's degree
Accountants and auditors	1,274	1,500	226	17.7	VH	Bachelor's degree
Landscaping and groundskeeping workers	1,220	1,441	221	18.1	L	Short-term on-the-job training
Elementary school teachers except special education	1,540	1,749	209	13.6	H	Bachelor's degree
Receptionists and information clerks	1,173	1,375	202	17.2	L	Short-term on-the-job training
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	1,860	2,053	193	10.4	H	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Maids and housekeeping cleaners	1,470	1,656	186	12.7	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Security guards	1,040	1,216	175	16.9	L	Short-term on-the-job training
Carpenters	1,462	1,612	150	10.3	H	Long-term on-the-job training
Management analysts	678	827	149	21.9	VH	Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience
Medical assistants	417	565	148	35.4	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Computer systems analysts	504	650	146	29.0	VH	Bachelor's degree
Maintenance and repair workers, general	1,391	1,531	140	10.1	H	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Network systems and data communications analysts	262	402	140	53.4	VH	Bachelor's degree
Food preparation worker	902	1,040	138	15.3	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Teacher assistants	1,312	1,449	137	10.4	VL	Short-term on-the-job training

<sup>1</sup> Quartile ranks based on the Occupational Employment Statistics annual earnings. VH = very high (\$46,360 and over), H = high (\$30,630 to \$46,300), L = low (\$21,260 to \$30,560), and VL = very low (up to \$21,220). The rankings were based on quartiles using one-fourth of total employment to define each quartile. Earnings are for wage and salary workers.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics "Occupational employment projections to 2016," *Monthly Labor Review*, November 2007. See <<http://www.bls.gov/emp/home.htm>>.