

These 10 occupations are projected to add a total of about 5 million jobs during the 1998-2008 period, nearly one-fourth of the projected job growth over the decade.

Occupations with the most job growth tend to have a large number of workers already.

Six of the 10 occupations—retail salespersons, cashiers, general managers and top executives, truck drivers, general office clerks, and registered nurses—each employed at least 2 million workers in 1998.

### Employment growth, projected 1998-2008

Systems analysts	577
Retail salespersons	563
Cashiers	556
General managers and top executives	551
Truckdrivers, light and heavy	493
Office clerks, general	463
Registered nurses	451
Computer support specialists	439
Personal care and home health aides	433
Teacher assistants	375

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics. Numbers in thousands.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Kids start working early. Half of 12-year-olds have some work experience, primarily yard work or babysitting. Nearly four out of ten 15-year-olds hold a job with a regular employer sometime during the year, mostly in service, sales, or laborer jobs.