

50 Fastest-Growing Occupation Projections in Florida

Includes openings due to growth and replacement needs. This table includes occupations with a minimum of 4,000 jobs in 2018.
Hourly wages for teaching occupations were calculated using a 40-hour work week for 9½ months per year.

2018

Occupation Title	Employment		2018 - 2026			Median Hourly Wage (\$)	Recommended Education Level
	Current	Projection	Growth	Percent Growth	Total Job Openings		
	2018	2026					
1 Physician Assistants	5,719	7,835	2,116	37.0	4,979	48.08	Bachelor's Degree
2 Home Health Aides	28,233	38,481	10,248	36.3	39,947	10.97	Career Certificate
3 Nurse Practitioners	9,665	12,893	3,228	33.4	7,562	46.39	Master's or Higher Degree
4 Personal Care Aides	28,325	36,677	8,352	29.5	44,735	10.36	Career Certificate
5 Medical Assistants	55,271	70,624	15,353	27.8	68,385	15.07	Career Certificate
6 Physical Therapist Assistants	5,594	7,126	1,532	27.4	7,512	29.78	Associate Degree
7 Software Developers, Applications	37,467	47,389	9,922	26.5	31,228	42.21	Associate Degree
8 Information Security Analysts	5,160	6,489	1,329	25.8	4,423	39.73	Career Certificate
9 Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	11,332	14,218	2,886	25.5	10,527	not provided	Master's or Higher Degree
10 Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	30,594	37,889	7,295	23.8	33,365	27.81	Bachelor's Degree
11 Physical Therapists	14,496	17,915	3,419	23.6	8,614	41.87	Master's or Higher Degree
12 Operations Research Analysts	6,756	8,327	1,571	23.3	5,081	32.62	Master's or Higher Degree
13 Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	5,877	7,207	1,330	22.6	3,987	30.79	Career Certificate
14 Massage Therapists	14,256	17,457	3,201	22.5	16,045	18.30	Career Certificate
15 Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	15,959	19,510	3,551	22.3	24,680	10.76	Less than High School
16 Phlebotomists	8,358	10,124	1,766	21.1	9,224	14.58	Career Certificate
17 Occupational Therapists	6,982	8,455	1,473	21.1	4,462	41.41	Master's or Higher Degree
18 Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	5,535	6,697	1,162	21.0	8,562	11.68	Career Certificate
19 Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	9,681	11,710	2,029	21.0	8,599	14.80	Associate Degree
20 Respiratory Therapists	9,539	11,520	1,981	20.8	5,872	27.44	Associate Degree
21 Financial Managers	22,837	27,482	4,645	20.3	19,233	56.94	Bachelor's Degree
22 Helpers--Production Workers	9,084	10,911	1,827	20.1	13,731	11.34	Less than High School
23 Veterinarians	4,694	5,637	943	20.1	2,392	42.82	Master's or Higher Degree
24 Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	5,170	6,192	1,022	19.8	5,665	not provided	Bachelor's Degree
25 Medical Secretaries	22,673	27,137	4,464	19.7	25,637	15.37	Career Certificate

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 webpage.

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	Current	Projection	Growth	Percent	Total Job			
	2018	2026		Growth	Growth	Openings		
26	Mental Health Counselors	4,743	5,662	919	19.4	5,171	not provided	Master's or Higher Degree
27	Business Teachers, Postsecondary	4,328	5,156	828	19.1	3,664	not provided	Bachelor's Degree
28	Healthcare Social Workers	7,250	8,614	1,364	18.8	7,678	23.20	Master's or Higher Degree
29	Medical and Health Services Managers	13,556	16,103	2,547	18.8	11,556	48.10	Bachelor's Degree
30	Flight Attendants	9,848	11,650	1,802	18.3	10,927	not provided	High School Diploma
31	Dentists, General	7,725	9,101	1,376	17.8	3,125	74.61	Master's or Higher Degree
32	Dental Hygienists	11,652	13,716	2,064	17.7	8,005	31.19	Associate Degree
33	Dental Assistants	19,053	22,398	3,345	17.6	21,297	17.84	Career Certificate
34	Tile and Marble Setters	8,772	10,296	1,524	17.4	7,896	15.88	Career Certificate
35	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Incl. Fast Food	243,489	285,501	42,012	17.3	425,339	9.27	Less than High School
36	Structural Iron and Steel Workers	5,117	5,988	871	17.0	5,493	19.36	Career Certificate
37	Speech-Language Pathologists	7,972	9,318	1,346	16.9	4,751	39.14	Master's or Higher Degree
38	Personal Financial Advisors	15,732	18,346	2,614	16.6	12,641	46.99	Bachelor's Degree
39	Billing and Posting Clerks	35,350	41,207	5,857	16.6	35,815	16.55	High School Diploma
40	Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	13,253	15,444	2,191	16.5	14,347	17.10	Career Certificate
41	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	25,291	29,461	4,170	16.5	25,965	22.45	Career Certificate
42	Roofers	23,439	27,268	3,829	16.3	23,404	16.07	Career Certificate
43	Management Analysts	56,640	65,849	9,209	16.3	50,267	31.11	Bachelor's Degree
44	Family and General Practitioners	11,709	13,608	1,899	16.2	4,501	98.77	Master's or Higher Degree
45	Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	18,493	21,399	2,906	15.7	20,098	15.32	Career Certificate
46	Glaziers	4,659	5,391	732	15.7	5,261	17.41	Career Certificate
47	Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	7,744	8,952	1,208	15.6	5,250	not provided	Associate Degree
48	Child, Family, and School Social Workers	11,123	12,843	1,720	15.5	11,258	18.74	Master's or Higher Degree
49	Opticians, Dispensing	5,429	6,267	838	15.4	4,117	18.22	Associate Degree
50	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	47,456	54,746	7,290	15.4	35,907	20.86	Career Certificate

Less than High School	3	High School Diploma	2
Career Certificate	18	Associate Degree	7
Bachelor's Degree	8	Master's or Higher Degree	12

Career Certificate - 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).