

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 2019. Annual wage rates are reported where hourly wage rates do not exist but annual wage rates do. These rates are italicized.

2019

Occupation Title	Employment		2019 - 2027			Median Hourly Wage (\$)	Recommended Education Level
	Current	Projection	Growth	Percent Growth	Total Job Openings		
	2019	2027					
1 Physician Assistants	5,842	7,879	2,037	34.9	4,936	50.20	Bachelor's Degree
2 Nurse Practitioners	9,842	12,885	3,043	30.9	7,411	46.76	Master's or Higher Degree
3 Information Security Analysts	5,311	6,738	1,427	26.9	4,628	42.86	Career Certificate
4 Software Developers, Applications	39,205	49,627	10,422	26.6	32,726	44.53	Associate Degree
5 Home Health Aides	28,801	36,216	7,415	25.7	36,358	11.11	Career Certificate
6 Medical Assistants	56,389	70,758	14,369	25.5	67,928	15.47	Career Certificate
7 Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	11,384	14,208	2,824	24.8	10,477	61,085	Master's or Higher Degree
8 Physical Therapist Assistants	5,692	7,045	1,353	23.8	7,341	29.55	Associate Degree
9 Personal Care Aides	28,262	34,827	6,565	23.2	41,878	10.68	Career Certificate
10 Operations Research Analysts	6,905	8,489	1,584	22.9	5,166	32.33	Master's or Higher Degree
11 Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	31,738	38,906	7,168	22.6	34,061	26.90	Bachelor's Degree
12 Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	6,019	7,320	1,301	21.6	4,011	31.52	Career Certificate
13 Massage Therapists	14,494	17,574	3,080	21.3	16,068	18.28	Career Certificate
14 Respiratory Therapists	9,727	11,793	2,066	21.2	6,043	27.72	Associate Degree
15 Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	5,690	6,847	1,157	20.3	8,742	12.33	Career Certificate
16 Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	9,946	11,966	2,020	20.3	8,751	15.49	Associate Degree
17 Physical Therapists	14,834	17,833	2,999	20.2	8,235	42.23	Master's or Higher Degree
18 Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	15,892	18,975	3,083	19.4	23,853	11.05	Less than High School
19 Financial Managers	23,354	27,879	4,525	19.4	19,378	54.90	Bachelor's Degree
20 Veterinarians	4,822	5,749	927	19.2	2,409	44.43	Master's or Higher Degree
21 Business Teachers, Postsecondary	4,340	5,145	805	18.5	3,641	83,537	Bachelor's Degree
22 Phlebotomists	8,628	10,227	1,599	18.5	9,207	15.23	Career Certificate
23 Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Incl. Fast Food	244,484	289,520	45,036	18.4	431,996	9.42	Less than High School
24 Medical Secretaries	23,192	27,319	4,127	17.8	25,598	15.65	Career Certificate
25 Flight Attendants	10,412	12,262	1,850	17.8	11,474	58,780	High School Diploma

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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26 Occupational Therapists	7,105	8,365	1,260	17.7	4,255	40.80	Master's or Higher Degree
27 Paralegals and Legal Assistants	25,703	30,151	4,448	17.3	26,682	22.86	Career Certificate
28 Dental Hygienists	12,100	14,172	2,072	17.1	8,225	31.96	Associate Degree
29 Dentists, General	8,010	9,371	1,361	17.0	3,168	70.16	Master's or Higher Degree
30 Dental Assistants	19,755	23,099	3,344	16.9	21,903	18.65	Career Certificate
31 Helpers--Production Workers	9,149	10,631	1,482	16.2	13,258	12.02	Less than High School
32 Medical and Health Services Managers	13,830	16,046	2,216	16.0	11,291	46.03	Bachelor's Degree
33 Mental Health Counselors	4,814	5,577	763	15.8	5,009	19.39	Master's or Higher Degree
34 Management Analysts	59,366	68,745	9,379	15.8	52,322	31.70	Bachelor's Degree
35 Personal Financial Advisors	16,024	18,545	2,521	15.7	12,692	43.49	Bachelor's Degree
36 Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	5,186	5,999	813	15.7	5,384	19.39	Bachelor's Degree
37 Healthcare Social Workers	7,356	8,496	1,140	15.5	7,449	23.70	Master's or Higher Degree
38 Cooks, Restaurant	108,481	124,741	16,260	15.0	145,549	12.96	Career Certificate
39 Baggage Porters and Bellhops	10,937	12,561	1,624	14.8	14,363	9.77	Less than High School
40 Tile and Marble Setters	9,148	10,506	1,358	14.8	7,925	16.63	Career Certificate
41 Family and General Practitioners	11,952	13,708	1,756	14.7	4,393	not provided	Master's or Higher Degree
42 Billing and Posting Clerks	36,292	41,612	5,320	14.7	35,806	16.96	High School Diploma
43 Speech-Language Pathologists	8,060	9,222	1,162	14.4	4,566	36.93	Master's or Higher Degree
44 Software Developers, Systems Software	18,174	20,776	2,602	14.3	12,382	47.62	Bachelor's Degree
45 Child, Family, and School Social Workers	11,272	12,867	1,595	14.2	11,202	19.23	Master's or Higher Degree
46 Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	18,846	21,489	2,643	14.0	20,026	16.07	Career Certificate
47 Registered Nurses	198,145	225,537	27,392	13.8	112,755	30.96	Associate Degree
48 Computer User Support Specialists	38,667	43,991	5,324	13.8	29,060	21.60	Career Certificate
49 Structural Iron and Steel Workers	5,469	6,221	752	13.8	5,617	19.96	Career Certificate
50 Industrial Engineers	10,854	12,342	1,488	13.7	7,384	35.41	Bachelor's Degree

Less than High School	4	High School Diploma	2
Career Certificate	16	Associate Degree	6
Bachelor's Degree	10	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).