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FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS								
00-0000	Total, All Occupations	3,485,960	3,779,411	8.42	\$52,270			
31-1011	Home Health Aides	30,643	46,430	51.52	\$26,620	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
39-9021	Personal Care Aides	35,348	49,175	39.12	\$24,010	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
29-1071	Physician Assistants	1,576	2,143	35.98	\$100,740	Master's degree	None	None
15-1122	Information Security Analysts	4,970	6,754	35.90	\$105,080	Bachelor's degree	Less than 5 years	None
15-1132	Software Developers, Applications	14,452	19,164	32.60	\$113,030	Bachelor's degree	None	None
29-1171	Nurse Practitioners	2,054	2,721	32.47	\$107,320	Master's degree	None	None
49-3091	Bicycle Repairers	1,872	2,444	30.56	\$27,240	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT
29-1123	Physical Therapists	3,177	4,139	30.28	\$91,430	Doctoral or professional degree	None	None
29-1122	Occupational Therapists	1,975	2,564	29.82	\$94,940	Master's degree	None	None
15-2041	Statisticians	4,331	5,614	29.62	\$101,360	Master's degree	None	None
31-9097	Phlebotomists	1,410	1,815	28.72	\$37,540	Postsecondary non-degree award	None	None
21-1013	Marriage and Family Therapists	206	264	28.16	\$50,760	Master's degree	None	Internship/residency
25-1072	Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	402	515	28.11	\$63,360	Doctoral or professional degree	Less than 5 years	None
15-2021	Mathematicians	207	265	28.02	\$136,050	Master's degree	None	None
47-3019	Helpers, Construction Trades, All Other	613	782	27.57	\$31,410	No formal educational credential	None	Short-term OJT
25-1071	Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	934	1,186	26.98	\$88,880	Doctoral or professional degree	Less than 5 years	None
15-1111	Computer and Information Research Scientists	3,196	4,037	26.31	\$125,690	Master's degree	None	None
49-3043	Rail Car Repairers	111	140	26.13	\$65,710	High School or Equivalent	None	Long-term OJT
31-9092	Medical Assistants	7,526	9,485	26.03	\$35,360	Postsecondary non-degree award	None	None
29-2032	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	658	828	25.84	\$77,520	Associate's degree	None	None
31-2021	Physical Therapist Assistants	525	658	25.33	\$56,840	Associate's degree	None	None
21-1011	Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselors	1,445	1,806	24.98	\$52,180	Bachelor's degree	None	None
31-2012	Occupational Therapy Aides	210	262	24.76	\$29,690	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
25-1124	Foreign Language and Literature Teachers, Postsecondary	2,944	3,672	24.73	\$55,680	Doctoral or professional degree	None	None
29-1126	Respiratory Therapists	1,173	1,462	24.64	\$68,560	Associate's degree	None	None
29-9091	Athletic Trainers	268	334	24.63	\$44,800	Bachelor's degree	None	None
31-1013	Psychiatric Aides	1,977	2,462	24.53	\$27,470	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
15-2031	Operations Research Analysts	3,695	4,583	24.03	\$110,570	Bachelor's degree	None	None
11-9111	Medical and Health Services Managers	7,162	8,778	22.56	\$110,770	Bachelor's degree	Less than 5 years	None
25-1011	Business Teachers, Postsecondary	2,294	2,805	22.28	\$82,560	Doctoral or professional degree	None	None
29-2099	Health Technologists and Technicians, All Other	1,837	2,244	22.16	\$44,980	Postsecondary non-degree award	None	None
17-1021	Cartographers and Photogrammetrists	263	320	21.67	\$84,740	Bachelor's degree	None	None
43-6013	Medical Secretaries	7,905	9,609	21.56	\$37,140	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT
39-6012	Concierges	3,431	4,165	21.39	\$34,840	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT
13-1161	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	28,702	34,824	21.33	\$71,420	Bachelor's degree	None	None
31-2022	Physical Therapist Aides	281	340	21.00	\$25,590	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
21-1014	Mental Health Counselors	4,425	5,354	20.99	\$49,610	Master's degree	None	Internship/residency
25-1121	Art, Drama, and Music Teachers, Postsecondary	1,507	1,823	20.97	\$65,850	Master's degree	None	None
53-7061	Cleaners of Vehicles and Equipment	4,722	5,711	20.94	\$21,570	No formal educational credential	None	Short-term OJT
29-1125	Recreational Therapists	989	1,194	20.73	\$53,160	Bachelor's degree	None	None
21-1022	Healthcare Social Workers	2,780	3,355	20.68	\$59,190	Master's degree	None	Internship/residency
17-2112	Industrial Engineers	1,232	1,483	20.37	\$92,370	Bachelor's degree	None	None
47-5021	Earth Drillers, Except Oil and Gas	143	172	20.28	\$41,130	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT
21-1023	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers	3,575	4,298	20.22	\$52,370	Master's degree	None	Internship/residency
29-1127	Speech-Language Pathologists	1,241	1,478	19.10	\$86,830	Master's degree	None	Internship/residency
47-3015	Helpers--Pipefitters, Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	5,582	6,631	18.79	\$30,710	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
25-3097	Teachers and Instructors, All Other, Except Substitute Teachers	9,984	11,827	18.46	\$51,370	Bachelor's degree	None	None
49-2091	Avionics Technicians	271	321	18.45	\$69,290	Associate's degree	None	None
39-2021	Nonfarm Animal Caretakers	4,034	4,777	18.42	\$24,820	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
29-1129	Therapists, All Other	377	446	18.30	\$67,270	Bachelor's degree	None	None
35-3021	Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	40,143	47,392	18.06	\$20,940	No formal educational credential	None	Short-term OJT

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43-9111	Statistical Assistants	1,553	1,833	18.03	\$50,970	Bachelor's degree	None	None
31-9093	Medical Equipment Preparers	937	1,105	17.93	\$37,600	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT
53-6031	Automotive and Watercraft Service Attendants	1,603	1,890	17.90	\$22,930	No formal educational credential	None	Short-term OJT
25-2059	Special Education Teachers, All Other	598	705	17.89	\$72,500	Bachelor's degree	None	None
31-2011	Occupational Therapy Assistants	158	186	17.72	\$64,720	Associate's degree	None	None
21-1012	Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	3,667	4,309	17.51	\$67,560	Master's degree	None	None
19-2021	Atmospheric and Space Scientists	235	276	17.45	\$110,580	Bachelor's degree	None	None
29-1031	Dietitians and Nutritionists	1,330	1,560	17.29	\$64,870	Bachelor's degree	None	Internship/residency
25-3021	Self-Enrichment Education Teachers	3,540	4,150	17.23	\$45,960	High School or Equivalent	Less than 5 years	None
29-1181	Audiologists	332	389	17.17	\$96,080	Doctoral or professional degree	None	None
25-1066	Psychology Teachers, Postsecondary	303	355	17.16	\$73,650	Doctoral or professional degree	None	None
29-1141	Registered Nurses	34,671	40,591	17.07	\$76,300	Bachelor's degree	None	None
21-1094	Community Health Workers	3,369	3,942	17.01	\$57,340	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
43-4131	Loan Interviewers and Clerks	1,336	1,563	16.99	\$40,340	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
49-3021	Automotive Body and Related Repairers	2,235	2,614	16.96	\$59,730	High School or Equivalent	None	Long-term OJT
17-2121	Marine Engineers and Naval Architects	3,596	4,204	16.91	\$113,010	Bachelor's degree	None	None
29-9099	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Workers, All Other	544	636	16.91	\$97,160	Postsecondary non-degree award	None	None
13-1141	Compensation, Benefits, and Job Analysis Specialists	3,825	4,471	16.89	\$75,260	Bachelor's degree	Less than 5 years	None
DECLINING OCCUPATIONS								
29-2054	Respiratory Therapy Technicians	431	205	-52.44	\$71,000	Associate's degree	None	None
33-3041	Parking Enforcement Workers	1,191	743	-37.62	\$49,600	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
43-9022	Word Processors and Typists	2,287	1,626	-28.90	\$41,710	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
43-2021	Telephone Operators	168	130	-22.62	\$34,560	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
43-2011	Switchboard Operators, Including Answering Service	1,175	924	-21.36	\$32,500	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
43-9011	Computer Operators	789	629	-20.28	\$50,710	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT
49-2096	Electronic Equipment Installers and Repairers, Motor Vehicles	4,563	3,690	-19.13	\$35,330	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT
51-6031	Sewing Machine Operators	2,459	1,991	-19.03	\$25,090	No formal educational credential	None	Short-term OJT
43-5053	Postal Service Mail Sorters, Processors, and Processing Machine Operators	1,646	1,337	-18.77	\$56,780	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
51-6064	Textile Winding, Twisting, and Drawing Out Machine Setters, Operators, and Tenders	234	195	-16.67	N/A	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT
43-9021	Data Entry Keyers	2,205	1,842	-16.46	\$34,300	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
43-6011	Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	25,346	21,185	-16.42	\$68,030	High School or Equivalent	Less than 5 years	None
43-6012	Legal Secretaries	10,257	8,593	-16.22	\$74,820	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT
27-1023	Floral Designers	1,481	1,241	-16.21	\$29,380	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT
45-4022	Logging Equipment Operators	351	298	-15.10	\$21,830	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT
43-5051	Postal Service Clerks	400	342	-14.50	\$56,790	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
43-5052	Postal Service Mail Carriers	2,797	2,393	-14.44	\$58,520	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
51-5111	Prepress Technicians and Workers	1,324	1,143	-13.67	\$50,390	Postsecondary non-degree award	None	None
51-9151	Photographic Process Workers and Processing Machine Operators	408	356	-12.75	\$25,190	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
19-3022	Survey Researchers	1,816	1,587	-12.61	\$80,900	Master's degree	None	None
51-6052	Tailors, Dressmakers, and Custom Sewers	5,783	5,061	-12.48	\$29,910	No formal educational credential	None	Moderate-term OJT
41-3041	Travel Agents	1,849	1,619	-12.44	\$40,410	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT
51-6051	Sewers, Hand	242	212	-12.40	N/A	No formal educational credential	None	Moderate-term OJT
51-2022	Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	934	820	-12.21	\$38,710	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT
27-1022	Fashion Designers	328	289	-11.89	\$46,000	Bachelor's degree	None	None
43-4071	File Clerks	2,534	2,257	-10.93	\$35,360	High School or Equivalent	None	Short-term OJT
51-9061	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	1,384	1,233	-10.91	\$45,350	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT
51-5113	Print Binding and Finishing Workers	2,600	2,337	-10.12	\$45,430	High School or Equivalent	None	Moderate-term OJT

Notes: ¹Washington-Arlington-Alexandria metropolitan Statistical Area Long-Term Industry and Occupational Projections, 2016 - 2026

²Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics (OES), May 2016 survey

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