

# St. Louis Region Fastest Growing Occupations

2017-2019

The St. Louis region is projected to have a net increase of more than 19,000 jobs between 2017 and 2019. This net increase in jobs results in growth openings, which occur when an occupation grows between the base year and projected year. Of the top 20 occupations that are projected to have the highest percentage growth, 4 are in the *Healthcare Support* occupation group. The *Community and Social Service* and *Healthcare Practitioners and Technical* major occupation groups have 3 occupations each in the top 20 fastest growing occupations.

Occupation	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Net Increase	Percent Increase	Average Annual Wage
Personal Care Aides	20,300	22,164	1,864	9.18%	\$21,290
Home Health Aides	5,997	6,491	494	8.24%	\$22,534
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	3,714	3,972	258	6.95%	\$168,869
Information Security Analysts	1,681	1,779	98	5.83%	\$90,112
Nurse Practitioners	1,870	1,970	100	5.35%	\$92,579
Respiratory Therapists	1,037	1,087	50	4.82%	\$56,340
Software Developers, Applications	6,143	6,428	285	4.64%	\$100,091
Massage Therapists	1,062	1,110	48	4.52%	\$33,478
Preschool Teachers	3,171	3,313	142	4.48%	\$29,957
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	5,437	5,674	237	4.36%	\$69,478
Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	695	725	30	4.32%	\$25,346
Coaches and Scouts	1,103	1,150	47	4.26%	\$31,290
Fundraisers	993	1,035	42	4.23%	\$53,467
Mental Health Counselors	1,417	1,476	59	4.16%	\$42,604
Medical Assistants	4,237	4,410	173	4.08%	\$32,205
Social and Community Service Managers	963	1,002	39	4.05%	\$62,624
Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors	2,222	2,312	90	4.05%	\$49,770
Physical Therapists	1,729	1,798	69	3.99%	\$77,934
Medical Scientists	1,614	1,676	62	3.84%	\$55,660
Rehabilitation Counselors	1,494	1,551	57	3.82%	\$39,981

Only includes occupations with a net increase of 30 or more. Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Division of Occupational Employment Statistics (OES). Occupational projections developed by the Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC).



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