

**Table 5. Occupations with the largest job decline, 2002-12**

[Numbers in thousands of jobs]

2000 standard occupation classification code and title	Employment		Change		Quartile rank by 2002 median annual earnings <sup>1</sup>	Most significant source of postsecondary education or training <sup>2</sup>
	2002	2012	Number	Percent		
11-9012 Farmers and ranchers .....	1,158	920	-238	-21	3	Long-term on-the-job training
51-6031 Sewing machine operators .....	315	216	-99	-31	4	Moderate-term on-the-job training
43-9022 Word processors and typists .....	241	148	-93	-39	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
43-5081 Stock clerks and order fillers .....	1,628	1,560	-68	-4	4	Short-term on-the-job training
43-6014 Secretaries, except legal, medical, and executive ....	1,975	1,918	-57	-3	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
51-2022 Electrical and electronic equipment assemblers .....	281	230	-51	-18	3	Short-term on-the-job training
43-9011 Computer operators .....	182	151	-30	-17	2	Moderate-term on-the-job training
43-2021 Telephone operators .....	50	22	-28	-56	2	Short-term on-the-job training
43-5053 Postal service mail sorters, processors, and processing machine operators .....	253	226	-26	-10	2	Short-term on-the-job training
43-4131 Loan interviewers and clerks .....	170	146	-24	-14	2	Short-term on-the-job training
43-9021 Data entry keyers .....	392	371	-21	-5	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
41-9041 Telemarketers .....	428	406	-21	-5	4	Short-term on-the-job training
51-6063 Textile knitting and weaving machine setters, operators, and tenders .....	53	33	-20	-39	3	Long-term on-the-job training
51-6064 Textile winding, twisting, and drawing out machine setters, operators, and tenders .....	66	46	-20	-30	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
51-2092 Team assemblers .....	1,174	1,155	-19	-2	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
43-4151 Order clerks .....	330	311	-19	-6	3	Short-term on-the-job training
41-9091 Door-to-door sales workers, news and street vendors, and related workers .....	155	137	-18	-12	3	Short-term on-the-job training
41-3041 Travel agents .....	118	102	-16	-14	3	Postsecondary vocational award
43-4011 Brokerage clerks .....	78	67	-11	-15	2	Moderate-term on-the-job training
43-4061 Eligibility interviewers, government programs .....	94	83	-11	-12	2	Moderate-term on-the-job training
51-5022 Prepress technicians and workers .....	91	81	-10	-11	2	Long-term on-the-job training
45-3011 Fishers and related fishing workers .....	36	27	-10	-27	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
51-6051 Sewers, hand .....	36	29	-8	-21	4	Short-term on-the-job training
51-6062 Textile cutting machine setters, operators, and tenders .....	34	26	-8	-23	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
51-6061 Textile bleaching and dyeing machine operators and tenders .....	27	19	-8	-29	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
27-3010 Announcers .....	76	68	-8	-10	3	Long-term on-the-job training
43-5041 Meter readers, utilities .....	54	46	-8	-14	2	Short-term on-the-job training
51-8091 Chemical plant and system operators .....	58	51	-7	-12	1	Long-term on-the-job training
51-9023 Mixing and blending machine setters, operators, and tenders .....	106	99	-7	-7	2	Moderate-term on-the-job training
43-4041 Credit authorizers, checkers, and clerks .....	80	74	-5	-7	3	Short-term on-the-job training

<sup>1</sup> The quartile rankings of Occupational Employment Statistics annual earnings data are presented in the following categories: 1=very high (\$41,820 and over), 2=high (\$27,500 to \$41,780), 3=low (\$19,710 to \$27,380), and 4=very low (up to \$19,600). The rankings were based on quartiles using one-fourth of total employment to define each quartile. Earnings are for wage and salary workers.

<sup>2</sup> An occupation is placed into one of 11 categories that best describes the education or training needed by most workers to become fully qualified. For more information about the categories, see *Occupational Projections and Training Data*, Bulletin 2572 (Bureau of Labor Statistics, forthcoming).