

Table 4. Occupations with the largest job growth, 2002-12

[Numbers in thousands of jobs]

2000 standard occupation classification code and title	Employment		Change		Quartile rank by 2002 median annual earnings ¹	Most significant source of postsecondary education or training ²
	2002	2012	Number	Percent		
29-1111 Registered nurses	2,284	2,908	623	27	1	Associate degree
25-1000 Postsecondary teachers	1,581	2,184	603	38	1	Doctoral degree
41-2031 Retail salespersons	4,076	4,672	596	15	4	Short-term on-the-job training
43-4051 Customer service representatives	1,894	2,354	460	24	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
35-3021 Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	1,990	2,444	454	23	4	Short-term on-the-job training
41-2011 Cashiers, except gaming	3,432	3,886	454	13	4	Short-term on-the-job training
37-2011 Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	2,267	2,681	414	18	4	Short-term on-the-job training
11-1021 General and operations managers	2,049	2,425	376	18	1	Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience
35-3031 Waiters and waitresses	2,097	2,464	367	18	4	Short-term on-the-job training
31-1012 Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	1,375	1,718	343	25	3	Short-term on-the-job training
53-3032 Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	1,767	2,104	337	19	2	Moderate-term on-the-job training
43-4171 Receptionists and information clerks	1,100	1,425	325	29	3	Short-term on-the-job training
33-9032 Security guards	995	1,313	317	32	4	Short-term on-the-job training
43-9061 Office clerks, general	2,991	3,301	310	10	3	Short-term on-the-job training
25-9041 Teacher assistants	1,277	1,571	294	23	4	Short-term on-the-job training
41-4012 Sales representatives, wholesale and manufacturing, except technical and scientific products	1,459	1,738	279	19	1	Moderate-term on-the-job training
31-1011 Home health aides	580	859	279	48	4	Short-term on-the-job training
39-9021 Personal and home care aides	608	854	246	40	4	Short-term on-the-job training
53-3033 Truck drivers, light or delivery services	1,022	1,259	237	23	3	Short-term on-the-job training
37-3011 Landscaping and groundskeeping workers	1,074	1,311	237	22	3	Short-term on-the-job training
25-2021 Elementary school teachers, except special education	1,467	1,690	223	15	2	Bachelor's degree
31-9092 Medical assistants	365	579	215	59	3	Moderate-term on-the-job training
49-9042 Maintenance and repair workers, general	1,266	1,472	207	16	2	Moderate-term on-the-job training
13-2011 Accountants and auditors	1,055	1,261	205	19	1	Bachelor's degree
15-1051 Computer systems analysts	468	653	184	39	1	Bachelor's degree
25-2031 Secondary school teachers, except special and vocational education	988	1,167	180	18	1	Bachelor's degree
15-1031 Computer software engineers, applications	394	573	179	46	1	Bachelor's degree
13-1111 Management analysts	577	753	176	30	1	Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience
35-2021 Food preparation workers	850	1,022	172	20	4	Short-term on-the-job training
41-1011 First-line supervisors/managers of retail sales workers	1,798	1,962	163	9	2	Work experience in a related occupation

¹ 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.

² 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).