

**Table 1.4 Occupations with the largest job growth, 2008 and projected 2018  
(Numbers in thousands)**

2008 National Employment Matrix title and code		Major occupational group	Employment		Change, 2008-18		Median Annual wage quartile,	Most significant source of postsecondary education or training
			2008	2018	Number	Percent		
Registered nurses	29-1111	Professional and related	2,618.7	3,200.2	581.5	22.20	VH	Associate degree
Home health aides	31-1011	Service	921.7	1,382.6	460.9	50.01	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Customer service representatives	43-4051	Office and administrative support	2,252.4	2,651.9	399.5	17.74	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	35-3021	Service	2,701.7	3,096.0	394.3	14.59	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Personal and home care aides	39-9021	Service	817.2	1,193.0	375.8	45.99	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Retail salespersons	41-2031	Sales and related	4,489.2	4,863.9	374.7	8.35	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Office clerks, general	43-9061	Office and administrative support	3,024.4	3,383.1	358.7	11.86	L	Short-term on-the-job training
Accountants and auditors	13-2011	Management, business, and financial	1,290.6	1,570.0	279.4	21.65	VH	Bachelor's degree
Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	31-1012	Service	1,469.8	1,745.8	276.0	18.78	L	Postsecondary vocational award
Postsecondary teachers	25-1000	Professional and related	1,699.2	1,956.1	256.9	15.12	VH	Doctoral degree
Construction laborers	47-2061	Construction and extraction	1,248.7	1,504.6	255.9	20.49	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Elementary school teachers, except special education	25-2021	Professional and related	1,549.5	1,793.7	244.2	15.76	H	Bachelor's degree
Truck drivers, heavy and tractor-trailer	53-3032	Transportation and material moving	1,798.4	2,031.3	232.9	12.95	H	Short-term on-the-job training
Landscaping and groundskeeping workers	37-3011	Service	1,205.8	1,422.9	217.1	18.00	L	Short-term on-the-job training
Bookkeeping, accounting, and auditing clerks	43-3031	Office and administrative support	2,063.8	2,276.2	212.4	10.29	H	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Executive secretaries and administrative assistants	43-6011	Office and administrative support	1,594.4	1,798.8	204.4	12.82	H	Work experience in a related occupation
Management analysts	13-1111	Management, business, and financial	746.9	925.2	178.3	23.87	VH	Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience
Computer software engineers, applications	15-1031	Professional and related	514.8	689.9	175.1	34.01	VH	Bachelor's degree
Receptionists and information clerks	43-4171	Office and administrative support	1,139.2	1,312.1	172.9	15.18	L	Short-term on-the-job training
Carpenters	47-2031	Construction and extraction	1,284.9	1,450.3	165.4	12.87	H	Long-term on-the-job training
Medical assistants	31-9092	Service	483.6	647.5	163.9	33.90	L	Moderate-term on-the-job training
First-line supervisors/managers of office and administrative support workers	43-1011	Office and administrative support	1,457.2	1,617.5	160.3	11.00	H	Work experience in a related occupation
Network systems and data communications analysts	15-1081	Professional and related	292.0	447.8	155.8	53.36	VH	Bachelor's degree
Licensed practical and licensed vocational nurses	29-2061	Professional and related	753.6	909.2	155.6	20.65	H	Postsecondary vocational award
Security guards	33-9032	Service	1,076.6	1,229.1	152.5	14.16	L	Short-term on-the-job training
Waiters and waitresses	35-3031	Service	2,381.6	2,533.3	151.6	6.37	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Maintenance and repair workers, general	49-9042	Installation, maintenance, and repair	1,361.3	1,509.2	147.9	10.86	H	Moderate-term on-the-job training
Physicians and surgeons	29-1060	Professional and related	661.4	805.5	144.1	21.79	VH	First professional degree
Child care workers	39-9011	Service	1,301.9	1,443.9	142.1	10.91	VL	Short-term on-the-job training
Teacher assistants	25-9041	Professional and related	1,312.7	1,447.6	134.9	10.28	L	Short-term on-the-job training

Source: Employment Projections Program, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics