Missouri Fastest Growing Occupations · 2017-2019

Missouri is projected to have a net increase of more than 51,000 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 each are in the *Computer and Mathematical Occupations* and *Healthcare Practitioners and Technical* occupations. *Personal Care Aides* has the largest percent increase, as well as the largest net increase in jobs over the projection period.

Occupation	2017 Estimated Employment	2019 Projected Employment	Net Increase	Percent Increase	Average Annual Wage
Personal Care Aides	52,312	56,908	4,596	**8.79%**	$20,810
Home Health Aides	12,270	13,224	954	**7.78%**	$22,440
Software Developers, Applications	14,517	15,597	1,080	**7.44%**	$95,740
Information Security Analysts	2,978	3,199	221	**7.42%**	$87,140
Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	1,612	1,725	113	**7.01%**	$36,370
Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers	2,175	2,326	151	**6.94%**	$24,350
Veterinarians	1,923	2,053	130	**6.76%**	$90,220
Statisticians	948	1,011	63	**6.65%**	$70,070
Dental Laboratory Technicians	860	912	52	**6.05%**	$37,180
Physician Assistants	1,061	1,119	58	**5.47%**	$95,150
Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	11,077	11,674	597	**5.39%**	$65,220
Nurse Practitioners	4,166	4,386	220	**5.28%**	$93,140
Paralegals and Legal Assistants	5,133	5,400	267	**5.20%**	$49,870
Respiratory Therapists	2,762	2,904	142	**5.14%**	$53,200
Tax Preparers	1,709	1,796	87	**5.09%**	$38,630
Operations Research Analysts	1,044	1,097	53	**5.08%**	$73,020
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	5,788	6,073	285	**4.92%**	$160,800
Biological Technicians	1,254	1,314	60	**4.78%**	$39,550
Hotel, Motel, and Resort Desk Clerks	4,751	4,972	221	**4.65%**	$20,790
Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	1,168	1,222	54	**4.62%**	$74,300

Only includes occupations with a net increase of 50 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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