

Saint Louis Region Fastest Growing Occupations

2015-2017

The Saint Louis region is expected to have a net increase of over 28,000 jobs between 2015 and 2017. Construction and Extraction occupations account for half of the top 20 fastest growing occupations in the Saint Louis region. Of the top 20 fastest growing occupations, Construction and Extraction occupations represent 43% of the net increase in job growth.

Occupation	2015 Estimated Employment	2017 Projected Employment	Net Increase	Percent Increase
Brickmasons and Blockmasons	922	1,024	102	11.06%
Cement Masons and Concrete Finishers	1,051	1,164	113	10.75%
Roofers	913	1,007	94	10.30%
Personal Care Aides	16,091	17,714	1,623	10.09%
Cargo and Freight Agents	1,036	1,132	96	9.27%
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	3,103	3,389	286	9.22%
Computer-Controlled Machine Tool Operators, Metal and Plastic	1,128	1,232	104	9.22%
Home Health Aides	3,996	4,361	365	9.13%
Electricians	5,135	5,603	468	9.11%
Sheet Metal Workers	1,854	2,016	162	8.74%
Drywall and Ceiling Tile Installers	742	806	64	8.63%
Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	2,924	3,167	243	8.31%
Heating, AC, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	1,799	1,948	149	8.28%
Operating Engineers/Other Construction Equipment Operators	2,009	2,175	166	8.26%
Construction Laborers	8,255	8,861	606	7.34%
Cost Estimators	2,424	2,600	176	7.26%
Electrical Power-Line Installers and Repairers	818	876	58	7.09%
Painters, Construction and Maintenance	3,678	3,925	247	6.72%
Web Developers	873	931	58	6.64%
Personal Financial Advisors	2,657	2,832	175	6.59%

Data excludes occupations that have less than a 50 employee net increase. Data Sources: Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC), Short-Term Occupational Projections, MERIC Occupational Employment and Wage Survey, and US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Product funded by the US Employment and Training Administration, Workforce Information Grant.

