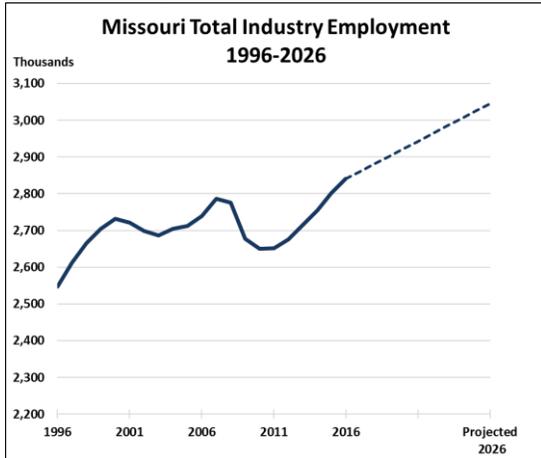


The Missouri Research and Information Center (MERIC) produces long-term industry projections every two years. These projections have a 10-year time span, beginning in 2016 and ending in 2026. Missouri's employment is projected to experience a 0.7% compound annual growth rate between 2016 and 2026, with the *Health Care* and *Construction* industry sectors expected to grow the fastest.

Total Industry

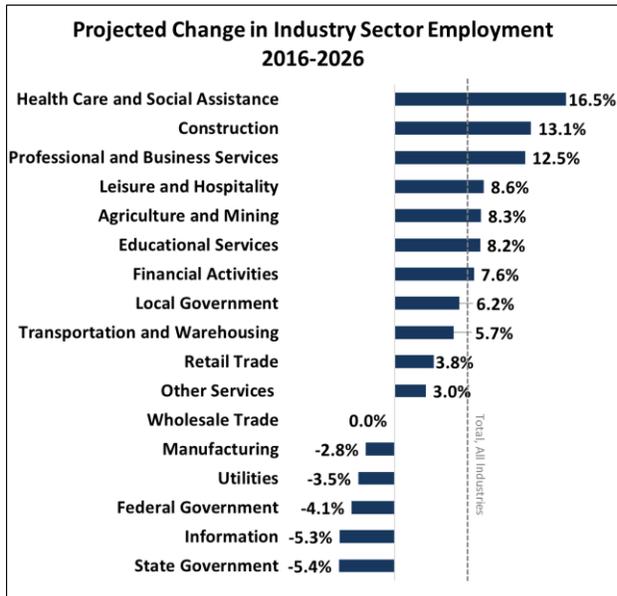


The total industry employment in Missouri, not including self-employed workers, is projected to experience an increase of almost 205,000 workers between 2016 and 2026. This represents a 7.2% increase during the projection period. This is closer to the growth rate experienced between 1996 to 2006, as opposed to the lower growth rate from 2006 to 2016, which was heavily affected by the recession of 2007-2009. Missouri's projected growth rate is just under the 7.4% projected national growth rate.

Industry Sectors

The *Health Care and Social Assistance* industry sector is projected to experience the fastest growth from 2016 to 2026. *Construction* and *Professional and Business Services* are projected to be the next fastest growing industry sectors with projected growth rates of 13.1% and 12.5%, respectively.

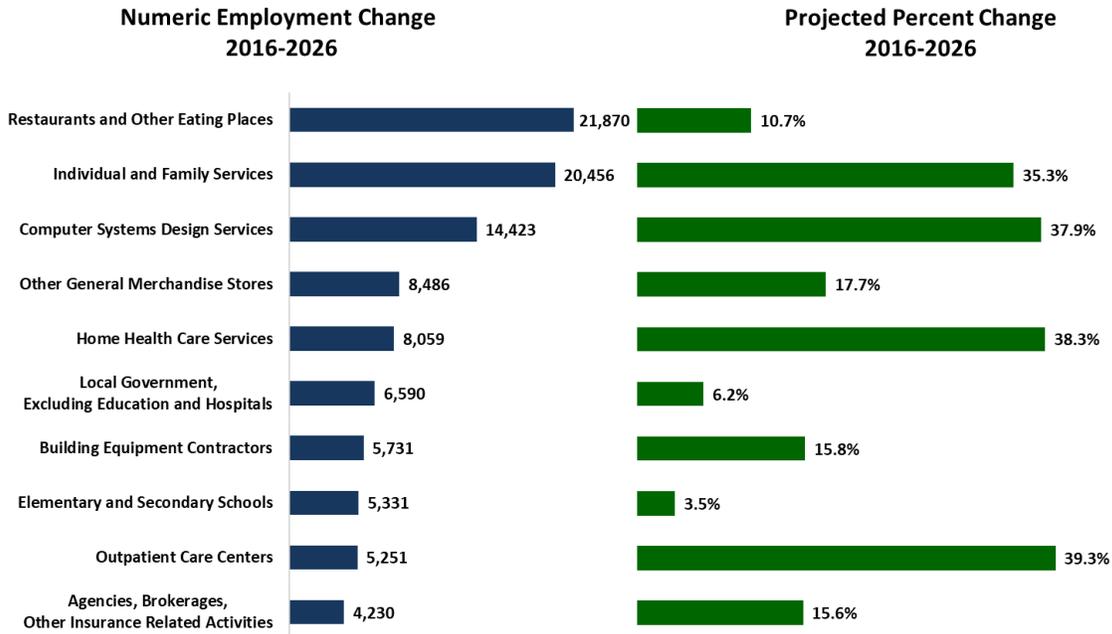
Not only is the *Health Care and Social Assistance* industry sector projected to have the fastest growth rate, it is also projected to have the largest net growth, with an increase of more than 70,000 jobs between 2016 and 2026. Within the *Health Care and Social Assistance* industry sector, the more detailed industry of *Individual and Family Services* is expected to have the largest growth, with a net increase of 20,400 jobs.



On the other end of the growth spectrum, the industry sectors of *State Government* and *Information* are projected to decline the fastest. The majority of the loss of jobs within the *Information* sector are expected to come from the detailed industries of *Wired Telecommunications Carriers* and *Newspapers, Periodical, Book, and Directory Publishers*, which are projected to have a combined loss of over 6,000 jobs. There are, however, industries within the *Information* sector that are projected to experience large growth during the projection period. The detailed industries of *Data Processing, Hosting, and Related Services* and *Software Publishers* are projected to have a combined increase of over 3,700 jobs, as well as fast growth rates of 30.1% and 34.6%, respectively.

Detailed Industries

Of the top ten detailed industries with the largest numeric employment change, three are in the *Health Care and Social Assistance* industry sector. The detailed industry of *Restaurants and Other Eating Places* is projected to have the largest employment change with a projected growth of over 21,000 workers between 2016 and 2026. In addition to having large employment changes, the industries of *Individual and Family Services*; *Computer Systems Design Services*; *Home Health Care Services*; and *Outpatient Care Centers* are also projected to have high growth rates of over 35% during the projection period.



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