

# St. Louis Region Fastest Growing Occupations

2016-2018

The St. Louis region is projected to have a net increase of over 20,000 jobs between 2016 and 2018. *Community and Social Service* and *Education, Training, and Library* occupation groups each have 4 occupations in the top 20 list of fastest growing occupations in the St. Louis region. Personal Care Aides has the highest percentage increase, as well as the highest net increase.

| Occupation   | 2016<br>Estimated<br>Employment | 2018<br>Projected<br>Employment | Net<br>Increase | Percent<br>Increase | Average<br>Annual<br>Wage |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Personal Care Aides                                      | 17,468                          | 19,066                          | 1,598           | <b>9.15%</b>        | \$21,059                  |
| Home Health Aides  | 5,199                           | 5,599                           | 400             | <b>7.69%</b>        | \$22,126                  |
| Preschool Teachers                                       | 3,043                           | 3,275                           | 232             | <b>7.62%</b>        | \$29,260                  |
| Personal Financial Advisors                              | 2,773                           | 2,943                           | 170             | <b>6.13%</b>        | \$113,963                 |
| Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary               | 1,706                           | 1,805                           | 99              | <b>5.80%</b>        | \$99,699                  |
| Brickmasons and Blockmasons                              | 1,019                           | 1,072                           | 53              | <b>5.20%</b>        | \$66,183                  |
| Childcare Workers  | 9,067                           | 9,537                           | 470             | <b>5.18%</b>        | \$21,405                  |
| Nurse Practitioners                                      | 1,419                           | 1,489                           | 70              | <b>4.93%</b>        | \$90,600                  |
| Self-Enrichment Education Teachers                       | 2,286                           | 2,395                           | 109             | <b>4.77%</b>        | \$36,538                  |
| Physical Therapists                                      | 1,710                           | 1,790                           | 80              | <b>4.68%</b>        | \$78,937                  |
| Speech-Language Pathologists                             | 1,523                           | 1,592                           | 69              | <b>4.53%</b>        | \$73,024                  |
| Social and Human Service Assistants                      | 2,397                           | 2,501                           | 104             | <b>4.34%</b>        | \$28,460                  |
| Construction Laborers                                    | 10,252                          | 10,675                          | 423             | <b>4.13%</b>        | \$47,017                  |
| Computer Systems Analysts                                | 6,082                           | 6,332                           | 250             | <b>4.11%</b>        | \$93,083                  |
| Healthcare Social Workers                                | 2,233                           | 2,324                           | 91              | <b>4.08%</b>        | \$46,912                  |
| Educational, Guidance, School, and Vocational Counselors | 2,500                           | 2,601                           | 101             | <b>4.04%</b>        | \$48,259                  |
| Child, Family, and School Social Workers                 | 2,723                           | 2,831                           | 108             | <b>3.97%</b>        | \$37,544                  |
| First-Line Supervisors of Personal Service Workers       | 2,998                           | 3,114                           | 116             | <b>3.87%</b>        | \$32,968                  |
| Cooks, Restaurant  | 10,418                          | 10,807                          | 389             | <b>3.73%</b>        | \$24,515                  |
| Teacher Assistants                                       | 6,272                           | 6,505                           | 233             | <b>3.71%</b>        | \$27,986                  |

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