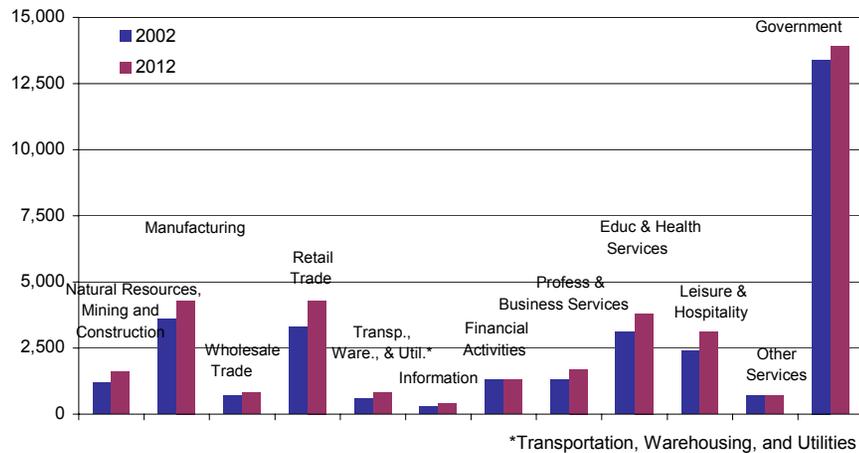


Kings County Projection Highlights

Industry

Nonfarm wage and salary employment in Kings County is expected to grow at nearly 1.6 percent annually between 2002 and 2012. The growth rate projected for Kings is slightly below the growth in California as a whole, which is expected to grow at about 1.8 percent annually. This growth will add 5,000 new jobs and bring King's employment to almost 37,000 by 2012. Over 60 percent of all new nonfarm wage and salary jobs are forecasted to occur in Retail Trade (20%), Leisure and Hospitality (14%), Educational and Health Services (14%) and Manufacturing (14%). Government continues to be the largest industry in Kings County with two prisons and related facilities as well as a Naval Air Force base.

Below is a graph of the 2002 and projected 2012 employment for major industries in Kings.



Natural Resources, Mining and Construction and the Information Industry are the fastest growing major industry sectors growing at an annual rate of slightly over 3 percent. Other industries growing much faster than the overall county average of 1.6 percent are: Trade, Transportation and Utilities (3.1%), Professional and Business Services (3%), Leisure and Hospitality (2.9%), Educational and Health Services (2.2%) and Manufacturing (1.9%).

Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- Over 5,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- Nearly 7,900 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of almost 12,900 job openings.

The top 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate almost 60 percent of all job openings in Kings County during the 2002-2012 period. These occupations are expected to generate over 7,700 total job openings. While these occupations are typically lower paying, entry level occupations such as Combined Food Prep Workers, Retail Salespersons, Cashiers and Waiters and Waitresses, higher-skilled and higher paying occupations such as Correctional Officers and Jailers, Elementary School Teachers, Registered Nurses, Managers, Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers, and Fire Fighters are also forecasted to have a substantial number of job openings over the ten year period.

The 38 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at an annual rate of 1.7 percent or more. Occupations in the Construction field make up the 13 occupations of the 38 listed. Jobs found in Food Services, Education, and Sales fields constitute many of the fastest growing occupations. Over half of the occupations require 30 day to 1-12 months on-the-job training. A few occupations pay over \$20 per hour.

