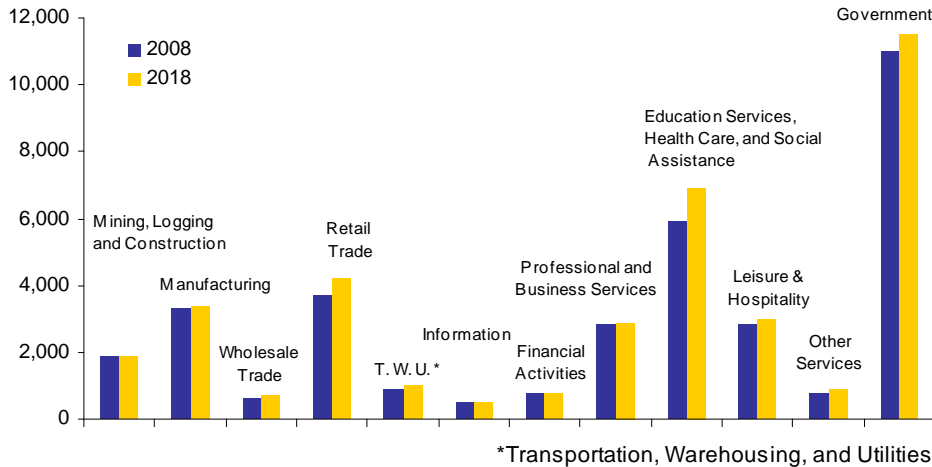


2008 – 2018 Madera County Projection Highlights

Total Industry Employment in Madera County is forecasted to reach 53,900 by 2018. This job total includes Self-Employment, Unpaid Family Workers, Private Household Workers, Farm, and Nonfarm employment. The increase represents a gain of 3,200 jobs for a growth rate of 6.3 percent during the forecast period.

The Education Services, Health Care, and Social Assistance sector will generate about 37 percent (1,000) of new nonfarm jobs during the outlook period. Another 1,200 new jobs are estimated to occur in the Retail Trade (500), Government (500), and Leisure and Hospitality (200) sectors. Other sectors are expected to have moderate growth, except for the Mining, Logging, and Construction; Information; and Financial Activities sectors, which are projected to remain flat.

2008-2018 Industry Sector Employment Levels



The fastest growing nonfarm industry sector is Education Services, Health Care, and Social Assistance, with a 10-year growth rate of 16.9 percent. Other major industry sectors with growth rates well above the county's 7.7 percent nonfarm growth rate are Wholesale Trade (16.7 percent); Retail Trade (13.5 percent); Other Services (12.5 percent); and Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (11.1 percent).

Occupational projections for the period 2008 to 2018 forecast:

- Approximately 3,900 new jobs from industry growth.
- Over 11,400 job openings from Net Replacements.
- A combined total of over 15,300 job openings.

The top 50 occupations with the most job openings are forecasted to generate over 9,700 total job openings, approximately 63 percent of all job openings. The top three occupations with the most job openings are Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse; Personal and Home Care Aides; and Cashiers. Median hourly wages for these occupations range from \$8 to \$10 per hour and require short-term on-the-job training. Higher skilled occupations, requiring an associate degree or higher, include Registered Nurses; Elementary and Secondary School Teachers; and General and Operations Managers. The median annual wages for these occupations range from \$80,518 to \$96,262.

The 37 fastest growing occupations anticipate a growth rate of 6.3 percent or higher during the forecast period. Personal and Home Care Aides and Pharmacy Technicians top the list again. Education and health-related jobs account for about 30 percent of the fastest growing occupations, and range from Preschool Teachers, requiring post-secondary vocational education with a median annual wage of \$27,466 to Registered Nurses, requiring an associate degree with a median annual wage of approximately \$80,518.

Average Annual Job Openings by Education and Training Level

