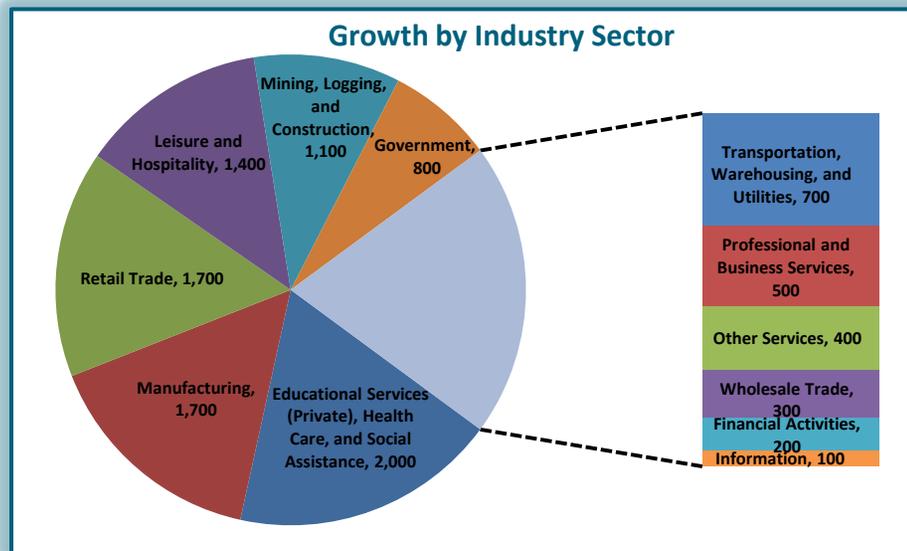


Industry Employment, which includes self-employment, unpaid family workers, private household workers, farm, and nonfarm employment in Merced County, is expected to reach 87,300 by 2022, an increase of 12.2 percent over the 10-year projection period. All 12 nonfarm industry sectors are projected to grow between 2012 and 2022.



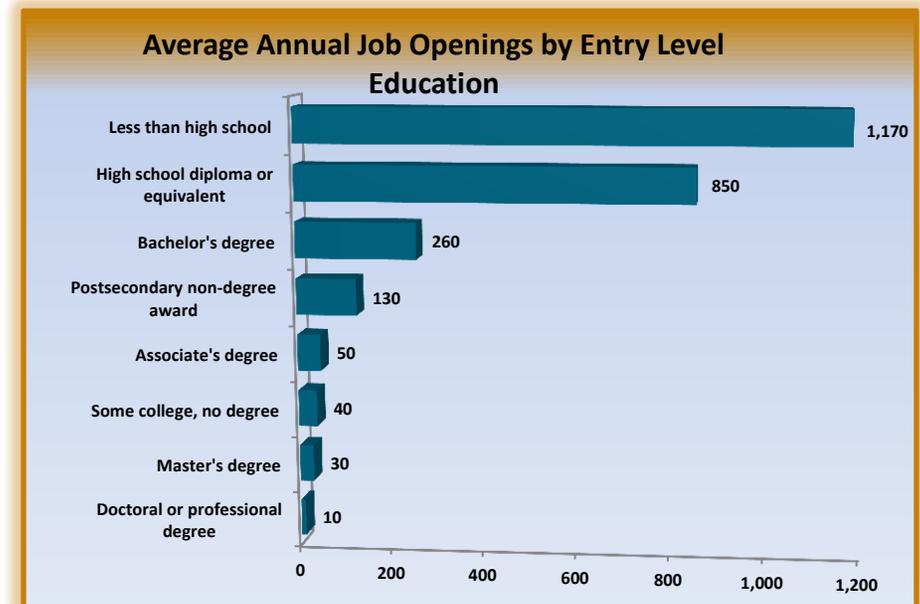
Total nonfarm employment is projected to grow by nearly 10,800 jobs by 2022. Sixty-three percent of all projected nonfarm job growth is concentrated in four industry sectors.

- Educational services (private), health care, and social assistance is projected to add the most employment, increasing by 2,000 jobs while growing 25.3 percent over the projection period.
- Manufacturing anticipates job gains of 1,700, a growth of 20.2 percent over the projection period.
- Retail Trade is projected to add 1,700 jobs.
- Leisure and hospitality is expected to grow by 29.8 percent during the projection period, adding 1,400 jobs.

Occupational Employment forecasts nearly 11,300 new jobs from industry growth and approximately 18,700 job openings from replacement needs for a combined total of almost 30,000 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings are forecasted to generate about 18,100 total job openings, which is 60 percent of all job openings. The top three occupations with the most job openings are farmworkers and laborers, crop, nursery, and greenhouse; cashiers, and personal care aides. These occupations have median wages ranging from approximately \$9 to \$10 per hour and require less than a high school education. Higher-skilled occupations, requiring a bachelor's degree, include teachers (elementary and middle school); and general and operations managers.

The 50 fastest growing occupations anticipate an annual growth rate of 1.5 percent or higher. Eighteen percent of the fastest growing occupations are in food preparation and serving related occupational group. Occupations range from cashiers that require less than a high school education and earn more than \$9 per hour to financial managers that require a bachelors's degree and pay median wages of more than \$56 per hour.



2012-2022 Comparison of Growing Occupations by Entry Level Education Merced County

Fastest Growing (New Jobs from Industry Growth)	Entry Level Education	Largest Growing (New Jobs and Replacement Needs)
	Doctoral or Professional Degree	Clinical, Counseling, and School Psychologists (40 jobs)
	Master's Degree	Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School (40 jobs)
Sales Managers (38.5% or 50 jobs) Industrial Production Managers (33.3% or 70 jobs) General and Operations Managers (21.6% or 160 jobs) Administrative Services Managers (21.1% or 40 jobs) Financial Managers (17.6% or 30 jobs)	Bachelor's Degree	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education (350 jobs) General and Operations Managers (300 jobs) Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education (210 jobs) Accountants and Auditors (150 jobs) Industrial Production Managers (110 jobs)
Registered Nurses (19.5% or 160 jobs)	Associate's Degree	Registered Nurses (330 jobs)
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (20.4% or 290 jobs) Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (16.7% or 40 jobs) Medical Assistants (14.3% or 70 jobs) First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers (12.9% or 40 jobs) Dental Assistants (12.5% or 20 jobs)	Postsecondary Non-degree Award	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers (520 jobs) Nursing Assistants (160 jobs) Medical Assistants (160 jobs) Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (90 jobs) First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers (80 jobs)
Computer User Support Specialists (21.4% or 30 jobs) Teacher Assistants (3.0% or 40 jobs)	Some College, No Degree	Teacher Assistants (330 jobs) Computer User Support Specialists (50 jobs)
Electricians (50.0% or 80 jobs) Printing Press Operators (43.5% or 100 jobs) Industrial Machinery Mechanics (40.0% or 140 jobs) Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics (37.8% or 140 jobs) Carpenters (36.7% or 110 jobs)	High School Diploma or Equivalent	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers (540 jobs) Office Clerks, General (370 jobs) First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers (360 jobs) Customer Service Representatives (330 jobs) Secretaries and Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive (290 jobs)
Personal Care Aides (62.9% or 1,000 jobs) Construction Laborers (53.7% or 220 jobs) Painters, Construction and Maintenance (50.0% or 60 jobs) Cooks, Restaurant (35.7% or 100 jobs) Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food (30.9% or 470 jobs)	Less than High School	Farmworkers and Laborers, Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse (2,250 jobs) Cashiers (1,460 jobs) Personal Care Aides (1,110 jobs) Retail Salespersons (1,050 jobs) Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food (1,050 jobs)

Excludes "All-Other" occupations and those with employment less than 120 in 2012.

Source: California Employment Development Department