

**Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses  
Short Term Projections**

State	Base Employment 2016	Projected Employment 2018	Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings
Alabama	14,530	14,790	260	1.8	540
Alaska	520	530	10	1.9	20
Arizona	5,670	6,040	370	6.4	340
Arkansas	12,060	12,340	280	2.4	480
California	70,100	73,000	2,900	4.1	3,400
Colorado	5,950	6,300	350	5.9	340
Connecticut	8,760	8,840	80	0.9	290
Delaware	2,170	2,210	40	1.9	80
District of Columbia	1,760	1,810	50	2.7	70
Florida	45,470	47,040	1,570	3.4	2,060
Georgia	27,540	28,440	900	3.3	1,220
Hawaii	1,330	1,360	30	2.6	60
Idaho	3,240	3,390	150	4.7	170
Illinois	21,110	21,450	340	1.6	760
Indiana	17,290	17,490	200	1.2	580
Iowa	7,520	7,610	90	1.1	250
Kansas	7,140	7,170	30	0.4	210
Kentucky	10,950	11,060	110	1	360
Louisiana	19,860	20,840	980	4.9	1,050
Maine	1,330	1,330	0	0.1	40
Maryland	11,700	11,860	160	1.3	400
Massachusetts	17,070	17,550	480	2.8	720
Michigan	15,410	15,520	110	0.7	490
Minnesota	18,720	19,060	340	1.8	690
Mississippi	9,090	9,140	50	0.6	280
Missouri	16,520	16,840	320	1.9	620
Montana	2,700	2,790	90	3	120
Nebraska	5,720	5,890	170	3	250
Nevada	2,490	2,670	180	7.3	90
New Hampshire	2,180	2,220	40	1.7	80
New Jersey	15,800	16,150	350	2.2	620
New Mexico	2,340	2,390	50	2.2	90
New York	48,790	50,620	1,830	3.8	2,280
North Carolina	16,650	16,930	280	1.7	600
North Dakota	3,030	3,120	90	3	130
Ohio	40,390	40,860	470	1.2	1,370
Oklahoma	12,760	12,840	80	0.6	400
Oregon	3,040	3,120	80	2.5	120
Pennsylvania	38,670	39,140	470	1.2	1,320
Puerto Rico	4,940	4,890	-50	-0.9	140
Rhode Island	1,200	1,200	0	0.3	40

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South Carolina	10,150	10,400	250	2.5	410
South Dakota	1,920	1,940	20	0.8	60
Tennessee	23,340	23,480	140	0.6	720
Texas	72,430	74,840	2,410	3.3	3,230
Utah	2,250	2,360	110	4.7	120
Vermont	1,510	1,530	20	1.8	60
Virgin Islands	40	40	0	5.4	0
Virginia	22,460	23,140	680	3.1	970
Washington	7,510	7,680	170	2.2	300
West Virginia	6,820	6,850	30	0.5	210
Wisconsin	8,600	8,530	-70	-0.7	240
Wyoming	800	810	10	1.9	30

Source: Projections Central - State Occupational Projections. Short Term Projections

State projections are developed in the labor market information sections of each State Employment Security Agency. Numeric employment change is the difference in the number of jobs between the base and projected years. A positive number means employment is growing due to the creation of new jobs. A negative number indicates employment is declining in the occupation. Average annual openings are the sum of average annual new jobs and replacements. Average annual new jobs are the numeric change in employment over the projection period divided by the number of years in the projection period. Replacements are an estimate of the number of jobs that will arise from the need to replace workers who will change occupations, retire, or otherwise permanently leave the occupation. Occupations with declining employment will have average annual openings equal to replacement needs. Average annual openings are presented because job openings arise from both newly created jobs and the need to replace workers who permanently leave their jobs. For more information on the projections, visit <http://www.projectionscentral.com/>.