

**Physical Therapists  
Short Term Projections**

State	Base Employment 2016	Projected Employment 2018	Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Openings
Alabama	2,240	2,330	90	3.7	100
Alaska	470	490	20	3.4	20
Arizona	3,280	3,500	220	6.7	190
Arkansas	2,070	2,190	120	6	110
California	21,200	22,800	1,600	7.5	1,290
Colorado	4,890	5,440	550	11.2	390
Connecticut	3,990	4,080	90	2.4	140
Delaware	690	720	30	5.4	30
District of Columbia	670	700	30	4.9	30
Florida	13,100	13,910	810	6.2	720
Georgia	5,830	6,310	480	8.1	380
Hawaii	750	770	20	2.8	30
Idaho	1,270	1,370	100	8	80
Illinois	11,240	11,650	410	3.6	470
Indiana	4,680	4,900	220	4.6	220
Iowa	1,750	1,830	80	4.8	80
Kansas	1,680	1,730	50	3	70
Kentucky	2,760	2,910	150	5.4	140
Louisiana	2,670	2,870	200	7.6	170
Maine	1,390	1,430	40	3.4	60
Maryland	4,910	4,960	50	1.1	140
Massachusetts	8,120	8,660	540	6.6	460
Michigan	9,010	9,430	420	4.7	430
Minnesota	4,020	4,180	160	4.1	180
Mississippi	1,570	1,620	50	3.4	60
Missouri	4,240	4,450	210	5	210
Montana	1,140	1,210	70	6.3	60
Nebraska	1,730	1,820	90	5.4	90
Nevada	1,650	1,780	130	7.8	60
New Hampshire	1,500	1,560	60	4.3	70
New Jersey	8,290	8,630	340	4.2	370
New Mexico	1,270	1,330	60	5.3	60
New York	16,900	17,990	1,090	6.5	950
North Carolina	6,250	6,570	320	5.2	310
North Dakota	570	610	40	5.7	30
Ohio	7,690	7,890	200	2.6	280
Oklahoma	2,160	2,220	60	2.8	80
Oregon	3,020	3,270	250	8.2	200
Pennsylvania	11,350	11,940	590	5.1	560
Puerto Rico	590	600	10	2.2	20
Rhode Island	1,050	1,090	40	3.1	40

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South Carolina	3,090	3,260	170	5.5	160
South Dakota	720	760	40	4.9	40
Tennessee	4,730	4,920	190	3.8	200
Texas	14,010	14,820	810	5.8	740
Utah	1,690	1,850	160	9.5	120
Vermont	820	870	50	5.9	40
Virginia	5,780	6,040	260	4.6	270
Washington	5,000	5,290	290	5.8	270
West Virginia	1,270	1,320	50	4.4	60
Wisconsin	4,660	4,790	130	2.9	180
Wyoming	410	430	20	4.4	20

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.

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