

**The 10 Occupations with the largest job growth, 2002-12\***  
(Numbers in thousands of jobs)

Occupation	Employment		Change		Most significant source of education or training
	2002	2012	Number	Percent	
1. Registered nurses	2,284	2,908	623	27	Associate degree
2. Postsecondary teachers	1,581	2,184	603	38	Doctoral degree
3. Retail salespersons	4,076	4,672	596	15	Short-term on-the-job training
4. Customer service representatives	1,894	2,354	460	24	Moderate-term on-the-job training
5. Combined food preparation and serving workers, including fast food	1,990	2,444	454	23	Short-term on-the-job training
6. Cashiers, except gaming	3,432	3,886	454	13	Short-term on-the-job training
7. Janitors and cleaners, except maids and housekeeping cleaners	2,267	2,681	414	18	Short-term on-the-job training
8. General and operations managers	2,049	2,425	376	18	Bachelor's or higher degree, plus work experience
9. Waiters and waitresses	2,097	2,464	367	18	Short-term on-the-job training
10. Nursing aides, orderlies, and attendants	1,375	1,718	343	25	Short-term on-the-job training

\* Source: United States Department of Labor